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### London Mist Blinds Nazi Bombers Over City

#### 'Invasion' Army Halted on Sept. 16, London Declares

LONDON, Oct. 18 (UP).—Clouds and swirling mists tonight came to the defense of bomb-ravaged London, heaviest contributor to 17,569 air raid casualties in September alone, as Nazi raiders flew blindly above the clouds dropping their bombs at random.

London's sixth straight week of terror and destruction ended with a new calm, in contrast with the savage din of recent nights, and only few bombs were smashing down at the hour which usually brings the Luftwaffe sweeping in.

Threatening clouds, swirling mists and occasional rain stretching inland from the Channel promised to be a strong protective barrier during the night.

Only one daylight alarm sounded in London. Motors were heard above the clouds after the warning, but no planes were seen and both offensive and defensive operations were casual.

#### COMMUNIQUE

A joint communique of the Air and Home Security Ministries said that the only raids on Britain during the day were carried out by "a very small number of single aircraft."

Reports circulated Friday that Britain might be ready to throw into the air-war great fleets of new bombers and fighting planes under construction for months. Hints that such new planes might be in reserve have been heard frequently.

"Now that German fighter-bombers are escaping the wounds our Spitfires and Hurricanes have inflicted on other types, the Air Ministry will have to consider whether the moment is opportune to introduce our new and tremendously fast fighters."

#### NAZIS CLAIM BRITISH WARSHIP SUNK

BERLIN, Oct. 18 (UP).—Swift German destroyers and torpedo speed boats, in a series of lightning raids along the British coast, today were reported to have torpedoed a British warship and sunk four merchant ships totaling 33,000 tons.

German big guns along the Nazi-held European coast were said by the High Command to have shelled a British submarine which later was attacked and probably sunk by Nazi dive-bombers.

Sections of the submarine were hurled to the surface, indicating that it was "destroyed," the High Command said.

#### ATTACK CRUISERS

German destroyers attacked a group of British cruisers protected by destroyers at the entrance to the Bristol Channel on the southwest coast of England and scored a torpedo hit on one of the enemy warships, it was stated officially.

German naval guns along the Flanders coast of northern France were said to have driven off British speed boats attempting to approach the coast and Germany's "Big Bertha" guns also bombarded a concentration of British ships in Dover harbor about 25 miles away.

One German submarine was reported in today's High Command communique to have sunk 42,000 tons of British shipping in recent days, bringing this U-boat's total for the war to 93,862 tons.

#### VICHY SAYS INVASION PORT WAS DESTROYED

VICHY, France, Oct. 18 (UP).—A violent bombardment of the Nazi-held French port of Dunkerque by British warships has destroyed recently-built emmeration docks intended for use in loading German troops aboard ships for an invasion of the British Isles, the French press said today.

The docks were said to have consisted of a chain of light platforms

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### Problems Facing The Labor Movement

By ROY B. HUDSON

A series of four articles dealing with the forthcoming conventions of the AFL and the CIO will begin in tomorrow's SUNDAY WORKER

### OHIO C.I.O. PARLEY HITS DRAFT BOARDS

Delegates Urge Roosevelt to Withhold Giving Confirmation Pending an Investigation; 400 at Opening of State Convention

(Special to the Daily Worker)

AKRON, Oct. 18.—More than 400 delegates from CIO locals in steel, mining, rubber, automobile, machinery and other industries gathered here today for the Third Annual Convention of the Ohio Industrial Union Council.

A strong protest to President Roosevelt sharply condemning the reactionary composition of the Ohio draft boards was sent by John Owens, president of the State CIO, upon authorization of the executive board.

"We respectfully urge that confirmation of these boards be withheld until a thorough investigation can be conducted, with readjustments in the spirit of democracy and true community representation," Owens wired.

The three-day convention will continue until Sunday afternoon when it will adjourn so the delegates could attend the CIO rally in Akron Armory to "protest the efforts of some rubber companies to break down the six-hour day." The principal speakers will be Allan S. Haywood, national director of the CIO; Philip Murray, national director of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee; and R. J. Thomas, president of the United Automobile Workers.

### Tass Disperses False Rumors On Balkans

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Saturday, Oct. 19.—The official Tass news agency today issued a statement denying a number of rumors of Soviet activity in the Balkans. It said:

"The English newspaper News Chronicle, Daily Herald, Daily Mail and Daily Express published a Reuters report to the effect that Soviet troops allegedly entered Rumania and that a Soviet destroyer sank a Rumanian ship in the Black Sea. Turkish newspapers published in Istanbul printed a report from London on Oct. 16 that a clash allegedly occurred between Soviet and German frontier guards in the vicinity of Galatz."

"Tass is authorized to state that all the above reports are devoid of any foundation whatsoever."

### USSR Denies Report of Calling Axis Power Parley

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Oct. 18.—Tass, official news agency, today denied assertions that the Soviet Union will call a conference in Moscow of the Axis Powers.

The official statement said:

"The Japanese newspaper Hochi on Oct. 16 reported that 'the government of the USSR has decided to convene in Moscow a conference of four powers: the USSR, Japan, Germany and Italy.'"

"Tass is authorized to state that this report does not correspond to reality."

### Set Oct. 28 For Hearing on Teachers

#### AFL Parley Today to Back Union's Fight on Blacklist

Justice John F. Carew yesterday set Monday, Oct. 28, for hearings of motions on a contempt citation against Charles J. Hendley, president of Teachers Union, Local 5, for refusing to hand over the local's membership rolls on a subpoena issued by a joint legislative committee conducting a witch-hunt in schools here.

Justice Carew is the same judge of the Supreme Court who last Monday refused to grant a stay of the subpoena without even hearing arguments of Local 5 attorneys.

The Teachers Union, in the meantime, threw its entire energy to awakening the entire labor movement to the danger of allowing subpoenas to open a union's membership rolls to blacklists and enemies of unions.

With the fight supported by statements of Thomas Lyons, president of the State Federation of Labor, and of the Greater New York Industrial Union Council of the CIO, a conference of leaders of AFL unions will be held at 3 P.M. today at Hotel Edison, to consider ways to make labor's voice emphatically heard on the issue.

Expressing themselves along the lines Lyons had stated in his protest on the subpoena, officials of unions, among them some of the most conservative, stated that if the procedure of the probe is upheld in court, no union is safe from similar invasion of its rights.

The method was seen as another back-door attempt to invade the

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### Lehman Calls Special Legislature on Polls

ALBANY, Oct. 18 (UP).—Governor Lehman today ordered a special session of the legislature on Tuesday, Oct. 22, to extend the hours of voting throughout the state because of the "tremendous increase in registration for the November elections."

### F.D.R. Signs Voorhis Blacklist Measure

#### Unions Can Be Included Under Provision of Fascist-Like Bill

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 18.—President Roosevelt today signed the Voorhis blacklist bill and thus gave the stamp of his approval to this repressive measure which now becomes law.

The bill requires all organizations allegedly "subject to foreign control" to file lists of members and contributors and other detailed material with the Department of Justice.

Definitions in the measure are so broad that it would not only tend to victimize members of the Communist Party but also penalize trade union and working class organizations with international ties.

The Voorhis bill was proposed by Morris Ernst, self-styled liberal and red-baiting counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, introduced by Rep. Jerry Voorhis, administration stalwart, sponsored by the Dies Committee and supported by the Democratic leadership in the House.

Actual cooperation between the administration and the Dies Committee is thus seen in the circumstances surrounding passage of this bill.

President Roosevelt was asked to veto the measure by the National Lawyers Guild, the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties and other progressive organizations.

### Gen'l Electric Profits Jump 48 Per Cent

Net Profit \$37,094,776 for First Nine Months of This Year

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Oct. 18 (UP).—The General Electric Company reported today a net profit of \$37,094,776 for the first nine months of 1940—a 48 per cent increase over the same period last year.

President Charles E. Wilson said net sales billed over the period totaled \$228,249,930, compared to \$217,900,154 for the first three quarters of 1939.

A record volume of orders now being received will increase billings even more for the rest of the year, Wilson predicted.

### U. S. Asiatic Fleet Chief Sails on Secret Voyage

SHANGHAI, Oct. 18 (UP).—Admiral Thomas C. Hart, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Asiatic Fleet, sailed today in his flagship, the cruiser Augusta, without announcing his destination.

## SENATE URGED TO PROTECT COMMUNIST BALLOT RIGHTS

—by ELLIS



### Browder Defeats Attempt To Bar Him From Voting

Earl Browder was registered at noon yesterday on the roll of voters in Yonkers, where he resides. In view of the fact on his first appearance for the purpose of registering last Monday, his right to vote had been challenged, Mr. Browder was accompanied by his attorney, Mr. Abraham Unger of 134 Nassau St.

The precinct election board, after hearing arguments by Mr. Browder and Mr. Unger against the validity of the challenge of his right to register, decided that there was no reason to withhold registration.

Mr. Browder has resided in Yonkers for six years and has been a voter there during that period.

In reply to questions concerning an effort made by attorney for Mr. Browder at Washington Thursday to obtain from Justice Harlan F. Stone of the Supreme Court an order removing the restriction placed on Mr. Browder's move-

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### Ford Hookup Monday From West Coast

#### 35 Blue Network Stations to Carry Message

The struggle for Negro rights, the anti-lynching bill, poll tax and what war means to 13 million Negroes is what the nation will hear Monday night when James W. Ford, Communist candidate for vice-president goes on the air, on a coast-to-coast hookup at San Francisco.

More than 35 stations in as many localities will broadcast the address through the facilities of the Blue Network of the National Broadcasting Company (WJZ New York) Monday, Oct. 21 at 10:45-11 P.M. Eastern Standard Time and on the Pacific Coast it will be rebroadcast, 9:45-10 P.M. Pacific Coast Time.

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### Hammett Testifies to Illegal Suppression in Many States

#### OTHERS PROTEST

#### Teachers' Leader Also Demands Probe of WPA Persecutions

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 18.—Dashiell Hammett, chairman of the Committee on Election Rights—1940, today urged the Special Senate Committee on campaign expenditures to safeguard the Communist Party's right to the ballot.

Hammett's testimony followed that of William Lerner, President of the WPA Teachers Union Local 453, who charged the WPA Administration in New York with conspiring to deliver the vote of project workers to the Democratic Party in a bloc "through an unparalleled campaign of intimidation, espionage and persecution."

Lerner declared that "an extralegal WPA police force, known as the 'Guard Division' has gridded hundreds of WPA workers 'under the pretext of investigating possible radical affiliations' as to how they have voted in the past and how they intend to vote in this election."

The head of this guard division, Lerner said, is John Brann, whom he branded as a "notorious Democratic politician."

Hammett told the Senate Committee which is headed by Senator Guy M. Gillette of Iowa that both Democrats and Republicans have been guilty of depriving Communists of their ballot rights in many states depending on which party is in power.

"There is no difference between Democratic and Republican parties in this," he said.

The well-known author recited several instances of WPA workers who had been intimidated into withdrawing their names from Communist election petitions.

#### W. VIRGINIA EXAMPLE

In West Virginia and Kentucky, he said, judges who sentenced Communist candidates to jail were themselves candidates for office on the ticket of other political parties.

"That may not be corruption," Hammett said, "but it is not a free election."

Another instance cited by Hammett was that his committee has "copies of 14 forged repudiations of genuine signatures" on a Communist election petition in Kentucky.

Senator Gillette said he was not sure whether his committee had authority to take up these cases and suggested that Hammett present his evidence to the La Follette Civil Liberties Committee.

Hammett explained that his committee which is a subcommittee of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, is concerned primarily with the long term issues of civil liberties in general.

He urged Senator Gillette to examine persecution of Communists in one state like Kentucky or West Virginia and then see whether or not the issue was germane to the scope of the Senate Committee.

Gillette promised to "examine carefully" documented evidence of deprivations of the rights of Communists in a score of states which Hammett said he would forward.

"There is no more dangerous threat to our democratic institutions than curtailment of the free ballot," Gillette said.

Lerner presented numerous affidavits to show how the Guard Division

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### Plan to Draft 50,000 Filipinos To Army Is Ready

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 (UP).—American defense strategy for the Far East now includes a plan to muster 50,000 Filipinos into the army, it was learned today.

Informed sources said details have been completed and the plan is ready for use when needed.

Philippines Commonwealth President Manuel Quezon has offered defense cooperation to the War Department in any Far Eastern crisis, it was learned, but no action on his proposal has been taken yet.

## For the Rich: London 'Dances Gaily' in Luxury; For the Poor: London Huddles on Subway Floors

If you are poor, you die easily in London these days. If you are one of the rich Britishers, you drink your champagne in quiet and sleep cozily in luxurious underground hotels specially built for the upper classes.

So reports even the biased London reporter of the New York Times. He cannot evade telling American readers what is known to every English worker now getting a taste of the "national unity" of the exploiter and the exploited.

When Professor Haldane, noted scientist and member of the London Daily Worker editorial board, led a delegation of Londoners to demand that the Government protect the poor as well as the rich from Nazi bombs, the British Labor Party leader, Herbert Morrison, snarled angrily that these were the requests of "mischief makers." Morrison is in Churchill's war cabinet.

Now listen to the class contrasts which break through the war-mongering pages of the New York Times (October 13) magazine section in the wireless report of Mr. Raymond Daniell. Outside, the bombs are falling. Where are the Londoners? He answers:

"The scene is the grill of a famous hotel. The time is about midnight. The orchestra is playing soft dance music—'The Merry Widow' waltzes, and on a tiny floor men and women in uniform and in mufti are gaily dancing. . . . The tables around the dance floor are crowded with diplomats, government officials, Colonel Blimps, fluff girls and fussy matrons, eating rich dishes of lobster and chicken, and drinking whiskey,

French wines and Danish lager imported before the war, and paying fancy prices because less expensive night spots in London cannot provide such dependable security. . . ."

Where do these gaily dancing British aristocrats sleep? Ah! don't worry. Their world takes care of them as follows:

"They march directly off to bed in the communal dormitory. There is a maid and an assistant manager to assign them to beds like a headwaiter. These dormitories are air-conditioned, and one can leave instructions to be called at any hour he chooses."

Sweet and cozy for Britain's millionaires and their perfumed ladies. How about the poor, the plain people of London, the men who work, and their families? Listen to Mr. Daniell:

"It is a subway station . . . every inch of its platform is covered with sprawling figures. Lucky ones have pillows, sleeping bags and vacuum bottles filled with tea for resuscitation in the morning when the all-clear sounds and the weary trek to work begins. Many are sleeping with nothing between them and the cold, hard concrete station platform. Early arrivals who have probably waited in line since hours before dark snuggle up against the tiled walls, away from the tracks. That is their reward for coming early to bed. Late-comers squeeze in between the outermost line of sleepers and the edge of the platform, sometimes leaving so little room that it is a good thing they are aroused by attend-

ants before the first train comes roaring through the tunnel."

Now we come to the pay-off, to the searchlight in the soul of the ruling classes of Britain as they "dance gaily" in their gilded underground palaces while their "inferiors" are dying up above. Listen to this from Mr. Daniell and note it well:

"One of these denizens (of the rich shelters) remarked the other night that it wasn't the bombs he feared so much as the angry East Enders (the slum neighborhoods) once they discovered how the upper crust was living and sleeping throughout these nights of terror."

There it is! The fear which haunts the soul of every ruling class in every imperialist country of the world today—the terrible fear of their OWN people on whose backs they ride as masters! It prompted the French bankers to open the gates to Hitler. It is the secret thought of every capitalist government in the world.

The falling messengers of death over London reveal the basic truth about the nations of imperialism—that there are TWO nations living inside their boundaries, the nation of the parasitic few, and the nation of the oppressed many. Between these two there is no peace and no unity; there cannot be. The bloody quarrels of the rival parasites is not the people's war.

The bizarre abyss revealed by the New York Times between the rulers and their victims in this criminal war shows the strength of this truth.



## Britain Will Not Let China Arm Via Hong Kong

Announces Colony's Borders Will Remain Closed, in Agreement With Japan as Trade Talks With Latter Go on

HONG KONG, Saturday, Oct. 19 (UP).—Great Britain will not reopen this colony's border to war shipments destined for China.

Indicative of London's attitude, the office of the Colonial Secretary announced yesterday that restrictions on shipments of munitions and certain other articles from Hong Kong to the unoccupied portion of China still are effective and will not be removed until the conclusion of current negotiations in London and Tokyo.

## Tokio Dickers For Oil From Standard Co.

Talks Proceed Here for Supply from East Indies

(By United Press)

Commissions from the Japanese government, the Royal Dutch-Shell and a subsidiary of the Standard-Vacuum Oil Companies have been negotiating since last August on plans to supply Japan with a considerable amount of oil from the Netherlands East Indies, it was learned yesterday.

The commissions have been meeting in Batavia, Netherlands East Indies, almost daily for the last six weeks, but have not arrived at any definite conclusions.

It was not disclosed how much oil was being mentioned in the Netherlands-Japanese discussions, but it was understood that an agreement was near. Officials of the Netherlands Colonial Oil Co., a subsidiary of Standard-Vacuum, are representing American interests in the discussions.

## Set Oct. 28 For Hearing on Teachers

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rights of free union and voluntary association, and a renewed effort to introduce government influence upon organizations.

The Rapp-Coudert committee is now probing into alleged "subversive" activities in New York schools. Its demand for the names of the 5,000 members of Local 5 is ostensibly to look for "communists" among the teachers. When the committee opened its probe earlier this year, its chairman frankly admitted that he hopes to propose a cut in state aid for education of \$12,000,000 as a result of the "investigation."

Last night Local 5 held a rousing well-attended membership meeting at Washington Irving High School at which the union prepared to meet the challenge of the Rapp-Coudert Committee and expressed complete backing to its fighting president Hendley.

Among the problems considered by the teachers are ways to defend members of draft age from any possible discrimination at the hands of draft boards.

## Where to Dine

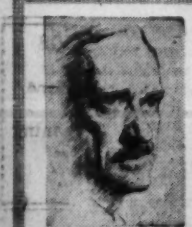
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on which German troops were to be massed for swift boarding of a fleet of shallow-draught vessels.

French newspaper dispatches said that the British naval bombardment had completed the "destruction" of the seaport which has been destroyed and rebuilt 20 times in the last five centuries.

Since the German air force on May 21 laid siege to Dunkerque as Allied troops fled from the "Flammarion Hell" more than 10,000 aerial bombs were smashed upon the port and city, it was said. In one day alone 3,000 bombs fell upon it.

Dunkerque is regarded as one of the likeliest of the French Channel ports to be used for any German attempt to invade the British Isles.

## 'INVASION' HALTED SEPT. 16—LONDON

LONDON, Oct. 18 (UP).—The shattering of a Nazi attempt to land troops on the British Isles and a naval-air battle near the entrance to Bristol Channel that sent four marauding German destroyers fleeing back to the French "invasion port" of Brest were reported officially today.

Adolf Hitler's attempt at a seaborne invasion of Britain was said by the Air Ministry to have been frustrated on Sept. 16 when RAF bombers laid siege to his massed transports and forced the Nazi troops to abandon ship.

The naval and air battle occurred late Thursday about 100 miles southwest of Land's End in the Atlantic when a British cruiser and RAF planes drove the Nazi destroyer flotilla back to its base on the French coast under a rain of shell-fire and bombs, it was stated.

The Admiralty and Air Ministry, in a joint communiqué, disputed today's German High Command version of the encounter which said that one of several British cruisers engaged in the battle had been torpedoed and that the other British craft fled with Nazi planes in pursuit.

During Thursday night and the early hours of Friday stormy weather cancelled out all RAF attacks against the Continent but shortly after daybreak today the Nazi-held French coast again was shaken by terrific explosions as British bombers swept through a thick Channel mist.

Several hours later, about noon, Germany's "Big Bertha" guns began pounding big shells across the Channel upon the Dover area at intervals of from 10 to 30 minutes.

## See Nazi Hand In Rail Decree In Yugoslavia

BELGRADE, Oct. 18 (UP).—The Yugoslav government today drastically curtailed railroad passenger service effective Oct. 28 in a move said to have resulted from pressure by Germany which seeks a quick route across the Balkans.

Eighty-six passenger trains operating to all of the Yugoslav frontiers will be suspended in order to "facilitate increased freight traffic," according to an official announcement.

Informed quarters said, however, that they believed the order to be a direct result of German pressure. British diplomatic activity was increasing here, as well as in Greece, Turkey and Bulgaria. The British were promising Yugoslavia navicerts, to make the transportation of vital raw materials through the British blockade zones easier.

In an effort to stiffen the Yugoslav attitude toward Germany and Italy.

LA LINEA, Spain, Oct. 18 (UP).—The Spanish news agency said today that the British "cruiser" Barham arrived at Gibraltar yesterday for repairs of damage suffered in the British-French battle at Dakar, West Africa.

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Air Raid Victims: These unfortunate Londoners, their home destroyed in an air raid, salvage what belongings they can.

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ments to the jurisdiction of a lower court, the Election Campaign Committee made the following statement:

"The main consideration in seeking modification of restrictions imposed upon Mr. Browder's movements was the desire to have him speak at a large mass meeting scheduled for Friday night in Los Angeles. If this possibility had been obtained, Mr. Browder would have appeared also at another meeting in San Francisco on Sunday and probably one or two more on the return trip to New York.

## Seek Release Of Spain Vets In Canada

Mexican Gov't Asked to Issue Visas for Prisoners

The United American Spanish Aid Committee, 200 Fifth Avenue, said today it has applied to the Mexican Government for visas for 27 members of the International Brigade now being held behind barbed wire in Canadian internment camps. Additional visas will be sought for other internationals as soon as necessary personal information is obtained, the committee said.

Interned in England since the close of the Spanish war, the men, mostly German and Czech anti-fascists, have appealed to American friends to help them gain their freedom and entry to Mexico or other friendly Latin-American countries.

LACK NECESSITIES  
Their letters reveal that they are not permitted by the Canadian authorities to write directly to any committee for assistance or to any consulates for visas. They write that they lack tobacco and cigarettes, books, periodicals, shaving equipment, toothbrushes and toothpaste—items which are allowed into the camps.

Since they can receive packages, the Committee, with the cooperation of American friends of the Spanish people, is preparing to send these items to them, along with a little spending money. Contributions for this purpose are being received at the Committee's offices, which are located at 23rd Street.

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## 7,000 Die In Raids on Britain in September

Air Ministry States More Than 10,000 Seriously Hurt

LONDON, Oct. 18 (UP).—The Ministry of Home Security said today that 6,954 civilians had been killed and 10,615 seriously wounded in the German air attack during September.

The Ministry said that classification of casualties so far as completed showed the totals divided as follows:

Killed: Men 1,920, women 2,310, children 694.  
Seriously injured: Men 4,178, women 3,529, children 675.

Some 2,130 deaths have not been completely classified. These deaths are divided into 1,157 males and 973 females but the division between adults and children has not been made.

The unclassified seriously wounded number 2,130, of which 1,231 are males and 902 females.

The Ministry's figures revealed clearly the great increase in civilian casualties caused by the intensified German air attack which began Sept. 7.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the House of Commons 10 days ago that civilian air raid casualties from the start of the war to Oct. 5 were 8,500 killed and 13,000 wounded. He said total casualties in three weeks of September and the first week of October were 18,000 but did not break them down into killed and wounded.

## Falangists Rejoice as Saner Takes Office

MADRID, Oct. 18 (UP).—Ramon Serrano Suñer, friend of the Axis Powers, assumed office as Spain's Foreign Minister today and warned that Spain "must not lose a single moment" in coming to grips with world affairs.

Suner declared that he would follow the policies of the Falangist party which resembles those of Italy's fascist and Germany's "national socialist" movement.

The Falangist Party press forecast that Serrano Suñer's elevation would be followed by formation of a completely Falangist government for Spain.

## Ford Hookup Monday From West Coast

35 Blue Network Stations to Carry Message

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San Francisco, Communist election campaign headquarters point out, will be the candidate's final address on the Pacific Coast, as he immediately departs for the eastern and midwestern sections of the country where he is scheduled to address a number of large election rallies.

## WHITNEY TO SPEAK

James W. Ford will be introduced to the radio audience by Anita Whitney, Communist candidate for U. S. Senate from California. Miss Whitney, a descendant of Nathaniel Whitney who fought in defense of York in 1790, has been active in social movements for almost four decades, and long recognized as a loyal defender of Negro rights—serving about twenty-five years ago on the first executive committee of the California branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. During the first imperialist war she participated actively in the cause of peace, and prior to that was one of the pioneer workers for woman suffrage.

He said that the committee should investigate the sponsors, and the sources of funds of this stooge outfit for the administration "to see whether or not it is in violation of the Hatch Act."

McKibben also protested use for "political purposes" of a letter which President Roosevelt had sent to Lasser's organization.

the doghouse so far as the White House was concerned.  
[The publisher was William Randolph Hearst.]  
"In those days the man who wanted to get a radio license transferred was well advised to be represented before the commission by some lawyer who had the proper pull, or by some person who was on the inside. Well, who was more on the inside than the President's 25-year-old son? And so this great publisher hired Elliott to represent him as his agent before the commission, and Elliott had three of the licenses transferred to his employer by the commission his father appointed.  
"Then his employer made him manager of some if not all of

## Mexican Peasant Bloc Rejects Bill To Outlaw C.P.

Labor Representatives in Senate Also Pledge to Defeat Reactionary Measures if It Comes Before Them

By Alfred Miller (Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 18.—The peasants' bloc of Senators this week flatly rejected a resolution which proclaimed the Mexican Senate the "sworn enemy of Communism," according to Senator Leon Garcia, outstanding peasant leader.

The anti-Communist resolution, the text of which has not yet been made public, was introduced by the reactionary Senator Alfonso Flores and backed by the "Sector Popular," the reactionary group of Senators representing the interest of the old Calles elements.

Senator Magro Soto, also a member of this group, hit out against the Communist Party for its criticism of the righting turn of the government, and called for "reprisals against the Communists."

## PROMISE ITS DEFEAT

Senators of the "labor sector" declare that if the resolution comes before them, it will be defeated.

This attack in the Senate against the Communist Party is considered part of the vicious campaign launched by reaction against the Party, which two weeks ago resulted in an open assault upon the Party headquarters, the murder of one Communist worker, and the wounding of two others.

The reactionary Porfirio Gil and the rightist elements have their main

## British Flying Boat Saves Torpedo Victims

LONDON, Oct. 18 (UP).—The Air Ministry reported today that a Sunderland flying boat of the coastal command had rescued 21 survivors from a torpedoed ship.

The Ministry did not say when the rescue occurred.

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## The Roosevelt Way of Life

How did Elliott Roosevelt manage to acquire that \$76,000-a-year income which he is supposed to be "sacrificing" to become a captain? John T. Flynn, writing in the World-Telegram, tells the story. "It is interesting to know," he writes, "how 30-year old Elliott Roosevelt came to earn \$76,000 a year. Certainly nothing this young man himself had to sell commands any such yearly sum as that. What he has had was his relationship to the President of the United States." Flynn declares that it was only because he was the President's son, "that he could get \$1,000 a week for broadcasting for a toothpaste advertising program." Flynn then proceeds to tell how in addition to this \$42,000 a year for the Roosevelt name, young Eli-



## Wisconsin Students Ask Draft Law Changes

Demand Deferment for College Students; No Conquest Army

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
MADISON, Wis., Oct. 18.—"Register today for peace" was the slogan around which 150 students of the University of Wisconsin rallied this week at a meeting sponsored in conjunction with registration for the draft by the University League for Liberal Action, an affiliate of the American Student Union. Urging all students to obey the provisions of the Burke-Wadsworth bill, the League put forward five key demands for guaranteeing the democratic rights of conscripts.

Herman Schindel, welfare director of the Allie Chalmers local of the United Auto Workers Union, CIO, and a former student at the university, addressed the meeting. Presenting the attitude of major sections of organized labor, he said, "We should inquire into the meaning of conscription. Is it to make war, or for our national defense? If it is for defense, how can we guarantee that it will remain so?"

The demands proposed to improve the conscription law are:

1. Deferment of college students until they finish their normal course of training—especially for those enrolled now as juniors.
2. Arrangements for all conscripts to be able to vote.
3. Increase of basic pay to \$41 a month.
4. Training of the conscripts near their homes, instead of sending them to distant parts of the country.
5. Guarantee of civil rights for conscripts, especially the right to send and receive uncensored mail.

### STRESS FREE SPEECH

In reference to the demand for an increase in basic pay, the speaker said, "\$21 to \$30 a month is not in step with the slogan to preserve and extend democracy." He encouraged the students to work for the achievement of the platform proposed by the stressing that freedom of speech was still the law of the land in spite of the campaign of fear and hysteria being fostered by those who would suppress our democracy and involve the country in war. The students would not be working alone in this, he said, but together with unions, farmer-labor groups, organizations to preserve constitutional liberties and many other sections of the American people.

The five-point program was adopted by the meeting, together with a motion to notify the Draft Board of its resolution in favor of deferment for medical and engineering students and other specialists, as well as for undergraduates.

## Fear Engineer Lost Off Rammed Barge

Fred West, 26, chief engineer on a coal and concrete barge which was rammed, cut in two and sunk in the East River Thursday night by the 4,000-ton British freighter Gypsum Empress, was missing yesterday. Six men were saved. West was below decks.



As Brooklyn Election Rally Heard Earl Browder: At left, photo shows a view of the speakers platform at the meeting held in the Brooklyn Academy of Music Thursday night. Left to right, Thomas Dwyer, Communist candidate

## Brooklyn Rally Hears Browder, Raises \$6,400

Minor Warns of Munichmen in British Gov't in Address to Meeting—Cacchione Flays Attacks on Ballot Rights

Kings County Communists celebrated the Brooklyn Music Hall meeting at which Earl Browder, Robert Minor and Peter V. Cacchione spoke night before last, by bringing in more than \$6,400 in cash and pledges for the fund drive.

More than \$350 additional in cash was raised at the meeting. The \$6,400 was pledged by the sections and branches of the Communist Party in Kings County.

It was a great meeting. Browder's voice rolled through the auditorium with solemn force as he told of the victories over the war-mongers in 25 states, where the Communists are on the ballot and said:

"We have created the opportunity for the people, when they go to the polls on Nov. 5, to cast their ballots for the candidate of the Communist Party, and thereby, in a loud and emphatic voice, to call 'Halt' to the advance of reaction and war, to the enemies of the people."

**VOICE OF PEOPLE**  
Browder spoke by telephone, but his voice was amplified so clearly that it sounded indeed like the voice of the people, as he said in conclusion:

"The voice of the people will be sounded on election day by the vote cast for the Communist Party."

Walter B. Garland, Negro leader, one of the Lincoln Brigade veterans, is candidate for the State Assembly from the 17th district in Kings County. Abe Osheroff, another veteran, is the candidate from the 23rd district.

Men like Garland and Osheroff and the 3,000 other members of the Lincoln Brigade, and the millions of Americans who sympathized with their struggle against international fascism are the real enemies of fascism in America, pointed out Minor. Not the Roosevelt and Willkies, who backed Munich and the infamous embargo of the Spanish Republic, who encouraged the Chamberlain-Hallifax clique of "appeasement" to build up Hitler.

## Youth in South To Hit Poll Tax On Election Day

Polling Places Will Be Scenes of Right to Vote Demonstrations

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Oct. 18.—

Huge Right to Vote demonstrations that will involve some 10,000 Southern young people are being organized by the Right to Vote Campaign of the Southern Negro Youth Congress to coincide with the Presidential elections on Nov. 5, according to an announcement made today by the director of the Right to Vote Campaign, Dr. James E. Jackson Jr. of Virginia.

The demonstrations are being organized to call to the attention of the millions of voters who will be marching to the polls on Nov. 5 the voteless plight of four million Negroes in Dixie and six million Southern poor whites.

Young people will march in front of polling places with placards pointing to the disfranchisement of the Southern people through "lily white" primaries, the poll tax, and the denial of the right to register to Negro citizens and calling upon those who can vote to cast their ballots in the interest of the voteless millions in the South by voting for the passage of the Geyer Anti-Poll Tax Bill and by voting for progressive candidates who will support the abolition of all restrictions to the right to vote in the South.

**U. S. FERILED**  
Grave danger to the American people lay in the Roosevelt-Willkie alliance with the British imperialists, whom Hallifax, the Munich associate of Hitler, was still leading, Minor warned.

Minor gave concrete examples of the aid that Hallifax and Roosevelt and all the Munich supporters had given to the invasion of England.

Five hundred of the planes bombing London were Czech planes given to Hitler by the Munichmen.

One thousand more planes were given Hitler by the French government, another Munich partner.

Two hundred of these planes came from the United States itself.

Five hundred thousand German uniforms were taken from the Czech troops betrayed at Munich. Minor gave attention too to the Social Democratic enemies, including Norman Thomas, who was friendly to Munich because he hoped it would mean an attack on the Land of Socialism.

"A vote for Earl Browder," he said, "is the only vote for peace in this election."

Cacchione denounced the fraudulent claim of the Hearst press and other newspapers that petition signers for Communist nominees didn't know they were signing Communist petitions.

"Is there anyone in Brooklyn," he asked with a smile, "who doesn't know that Cacchione is a Communist?"

Robert Campbell, Negro candidate for Borough President, hit hard at the Jim Crow rule announced by Army leaders with Roosevelt's approval, segregating Negro conscripts under white officers.

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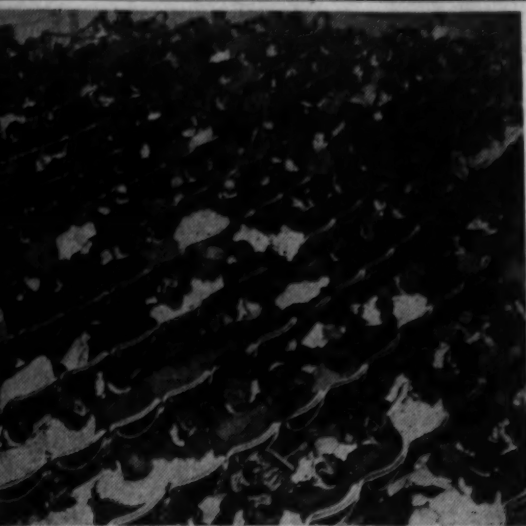
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In the Sixth Congressional District; Robert Campbell, candidate for Borough President; Robert Minor, candidate in the Eighth Congressional District and Peter V. Cacchione, candidate for City Council. At right, is a general view of the 2,000 persons who jammed the hall for the meeting.

## CLU Asks Action Against Legion's Poll Intimidation

Arthur Garfield Hays Urges Attorney-General Bennett to Take Criminal Action Against Officials for Card to C.P. Petition Signers

Criminal action against American Legion officials in Albany, N. Y., for conspiring to interfere with freedom of suffrage was urged upon State Attorney General John J. Bennett by the American Civil Liberties Union following revelations that the Albany County Committee of the Legion

is sending intimidating postcards to all signers of Communist Party nominating petitions in the county.

In a letter to Bennett, Arthur Garfield Hays, A.C.L.U. general counsel, disclosed that signers of the Communist petitions were receiving the following postcard:

"The American Legion in Albany County has learned that your name is on a petition circulated by the Communist Party for the purpose of placing this Party on the Ballot this Election. We know that many of the signatures are not valid. If this is true in your case, you may repudiate the signature if you will come to the rooms of the Capitol City Post, 31 Columbia Street, Albany, before 8 o'clock Tuesday night. The rooms will be open from room to 5 P. M., Tuesday. The Legion is giving you this chance to contradict the people who have deceived you."

"Albany County Committee, 'The American Legion.' According to Mr. Hays, the law provides a remedy if the Legion's statement concerning the validity of the signatures is accurate.

"But the law does not sanction intimidation either by private citizens or patriotic organizations," the Union's letter declared. "We have no doubt, both from your record and your recent statements quoted in the press, that you share our disapproval of private citizens who arrogate to themselves the functions expressly reserved for government agencies."

"We cannot too strongly urge upon you the necessity of immediately making public your condemnation of the Legion's program of intimidation and of bringing criminal action against their officials for conspiring to interfere with freedom of suffrage."

## Explosions Wreck Phila. Printing Establishment

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 18 (UP).—Three explosions, believed by police to have been set off by home-made bombs, wrecked a three-story south Philadelphia printing plant today.

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## NMU to Hillman: Defend Labor Act Or Quit CIO Post

Resolution Adopted at Membership Meeting of Union Asks CIO Executive Board to Convey Demand to Defense Council Member

The National Maritime Union yesterday demanded that Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America and labor representative on the National Defense Council, either "fight for the enforcement of the Wagner Act in 'defense' industries or resign as vice-president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations."

Joseph Curran, NMU president, made public a resolution he is sending to John L. Lewis, CIO president, with a request that the CIO Executive Board serve the demand on Hillman. Curran said that the resolution had been passed by a membership meeting in Manhattan last week.

Hillman, the resolution points out, has joined the ranks of those Defense Council members who have "recently made it clear that Wagner Act violators will continue to receive Government contracts."

"The granting of such contracts to violators of the National Labor Relations Act is a blow at the act itself and to trade unionism, struck in the name of false patriotism and permitting huge profits to law-breaking corporations."

The resolution stated that "Sidney Hillman has included himself in this corrupt attack on trade union organizations by supporting the move to prevent enforcement of existing labor laws."

It appealed "most strongly to President Roosevelt to issue an executive order preventing the granting of contracts to law-breakers."

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## Ask Roosevelt to Free Fur Union Leaders on Bail

Signatures of 1,597 ILGW Workers Presented to White House; Arnold Calls Petitioners "Stupid" in Outburst

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 18.—A delegation representing the Needle Trades Council for Peace and Civil Liberties today demanded that the Department of Justice permit the release on bail of four leaders of the CIO's Fur Union, now being held up on a framed-up charge growing out of persecution on the Anti-Trust Law.

The group of New York trade unionists left a petition incorporating their demand with the signatures of 1,597 members of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union at the White House for President Roosevelt.

Despite persistent efforts, the delegation was unable to see Attorney General Robert Jackson and was shunted off to Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold who had been responsible for prosecuting the fur union heads in the first place.

Members of the delegation reported later that Arnold called them "stupid" for their efforts to obtain the release of the fur union leaders.

### PROMINENT DELEGATION

The delegation included Samuel Kaufman, chairman of the Needle Trades Council for Peace and Civil Liberties and member of the executive board of Local 35 of the I. L. G. W. U., Nathan Kaplan, business agent of the Cloak Finishers Local; Rae Feinblatt of Local 22, Abraham Foster of Cloak Operators Local 117, Emanuel Wenzel of Embroiderers Local 66 and Morris Kermits of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties.

Although the delegation was not an official spokesman for the union headed by David Dubinsky, it called the President's attention to the resolution unanimously adopted at the recent convention of the ILGWU expressing a "vehement protest" against prosecution of labor unions under the Sherman Anti-trust Law.

### 10,000 PROTEST

This was the second such petition to be presented to the President. The first was several weeks ago, a 500-foot telegram of 10,000 names of members of Purrier's Joint Council.

"As members of the I. L. G. W. U. we are acquainted at close range with the laudable activities of the imprisoned trade union leaders," said the petition to the President. "We are in daily contact with the workers in the fur industry and know of the high working standards they enjoy. Under the leadership of these imprisoned leaders, the fur workers have attained better working conditions, higher wages and shorter hours, thus contributing to the improvement of working standards in other needle industries and for labor generally."

The statement under which the 1,597 names appeared said: "We condemn the anti-trust prosecution of labor unions and the use of company-union strikebreakers, labor spies and sweatshop contractors in court against the International Fur and Leather Workers Union."

## Italians Raid British Air Base at Aden

Rome Says Large Fires Started; Discount British Attacks

ROME, Oct. 18 (UP).—Raiding Italian planes have set fire to the harbor and airbase of Great Britain's Aden base at the southern entrance to the Red Sea in a "general renewal" of air assaults on enemy positions in the Near East, the Fascist High Command reported today.

The British base at Alexandria, toward which Marshal Rodolfo Graziani's columns are pushing across the Egyptian desert, British motorized columns and fortified positions were said to have felt the blows of the new Italian aerial assaults.

"In East Africa our planes bombed the airfield and harbor at Aden causing large fires at both objectives," it was stated.

The only British air attacks, it was said, were directed against Neghelli in Ethiopia, but with only small damage.

The Italian War Ministry said in an official statement today that, during the four months Italy has been at war, 375 British planes have been shot down against Italy's losses of only 74 planes.

Italian advances during the same period—in British Somaliland, Kenya and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan—were said to have totalled 197,000 square kilometers, adding 555,000 natives formerly under British rule to Italy's overseas empire.

## Rich Heir Acquitted of Rape Charge

Wealthy Westchester Youth Was Accused of Attack by Girl

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Oct. 18 (UP).—The Westchester County Grand Jury dismissed today a charge of second degree rape against William Alexander Stuart, 16, who lives with his mother, Mrs. Laura Belle Stuart, wealthy widow, on the Westchester Country Club grounds at Rye, N. Y.

Stuart was arrested July 16 after he allegedly assaulted Miss Domenica Capello, 17-year-old high school student from Harrison, N. Y. The attack allegedly took place in the Stuart automobile while the chauffeur was driving.

Miss Capello suffered head injuries when she plunged from the Stuart car a short time after the alleged assault. She told police Stuart pushed her from the car. He said she had jumped after he had refused to consent to marry her.

The charge against Stuart was dismissed today after the Grand Jury heard Miss Capello's testimony. The alleged attack is the basis of a suit for \$165,000 pending against Stuart, his mother and brother, Robert, 19, in Supreme Court here.

## Conference on Foreign Born Set for Today

Noted Speakers Will Participate; Leaders Endorse Parley

A New York City Conference for Protection of Foreign Born will be held at the Hotel Edison, 228 W. 47th St., today, from noon to 6 P. M., it was announced yesterday by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, 79 Fifth Ave.

Dr. Max Yergan, president of the National Negro Congress, will preside. Speakers will include James B. Carey, national secretary of the CIO and president of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America; Vito Marcantonio, United States Congressman from New York City; Tom Jones, president of the New York Congress of Youth; Katherine Terrill, of the Methodist Council for Social Action; Leonard Covello, principal of Benjamin Franklin High School, and Will Geer, noted actor and star of "Tobacco Road."

It was announced that a poem, "Ode in Time of Crisis," has been written especially for the occasion by Genevieve Taggard. It will be read by Colfax Sanderson.

The conference has been endorsed by 125 prominent leaders in all walks of New York life, and special messages of greetings and support have been received from outstanding individuals.

## Tell Naval Men's Families to Leave Philippines

MANILA, P. I., Oct. 18 (UP).—Families of United States Naval personnel in the Philippines have been instructed to pack their belongings so as to be able to leave on short notice, it was learned today.

Some 400 or 500 Navy dependents now are in Manila and it was believed many soon would proceed to Hong Kong to board liners for the United States. They were reminded that Naval transport space available would not be sufficient to take them back to the United States and that use of regular commercial steamers would be necessary.

## Siam Charges Nationals In Indo-China Arrested

BANGKOK, Oct. 18 (UP).—The Thai public bureau charged today that the French are arresting Thai nationals who arrive in French Indo-China on business. It claimed that the French Mekong steamers were refusing to transport Thai residents to Indo-China.



**Barge Cut in Two—1 Dead:** This 100-foot power barge, leased to Britain and loaded with cement and asphalt for Newfoundland, was sliced in two by the British freighter Gypsum Empress in Hell Gate yesterday morning. The bow went to the bottom with one man.

## Chicago C.P. Calls Ballot Ban 'Biggest Fraud'

Says Real Steel Is Passed Up in Senate Probe of Machine Corruption

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—"A Senate committee uncovering vote frauds here has passed up the biggest vote fraud of all—the barring of the Communist Party from the ballot."

This statement was issued here today by the Illinois State Campaign Committee of the Communist Party as sensational disclosures were being made of wholesale vote-stealing by the Democratic Kelly-Nash machine.

"The people of this state were nowhere more fraudulently deprived of their election rights than in this ruling which places the elections in Illinois entirely in the hands of the war parties," the statement declared.

### 'DEFEAT DIES'

The campaign committee called on the people of this state to "defeat Martin Dies as they defeated him before," by blocking the witch hunt which the reactionary Texas Congressman is carrying on here.

Meanwhile, it was revealed here today that voters' lists in Chicago have been loaded with fake names in 16 wards where the Kelly-Nash machine holds full sway. The Senate investigation, headed by Senators Lister Hill of Alabama and Clyde Reed of Kansas, also heard charges that the Republicans are carrying on coercion of workers who are threatened with loss of their jobs unless they vote for Willie.

The Communist statement declared further that "both of these corrupt parties must resort to such tactics in order to steal elections."

"Both are guilty in the plot to end free elections which are struck a mortal blow by ruling the Communist Party off the ballot."

"Now Martin Dies is seeking to cover up this outrageous Hitlerite act by shouting that he has discovered 'fraud' in the securing of signatures for the Communist Party nominating petitions. This is a pure lie which can only be traced to the frantic efforts of both old parties to retain their power and to suppress the opposition of the people against their war program."

"Dies is a part of that party which has been shown through these preliminary investigations to control this city by means of thousands of forged registrations, including names of people who do not exist and addresses where no one lives. These disclosures are nothing new. The Kelly-Nash machine has for years been notorious for these underhanded methods."

"The indignant people of Illinois must repudiate both corrupt parties of reaction with a huge write-in vote for the Communist Party."

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## Browder to Pay Tribute To John Reed at Rally

Tribute Meeting Sponsored by New Masses for Great Revolutionary Writer to Mark 20th Anniversary of His Death

Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President, will address a tribute meeting to John Reed, great revolutionary writer and one of the very few Americans who had witnessed the birth of the first Socialist Republic. The meeting sponsored by the New Masses commemorating the name of John

Reed on the 20th anniversary of his death, will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 P. M. at Manhattan Center, 34th St. and Eighth Ave.

The distinguished author of "Ten Days That Shook the World," and one of the pioneer organizers of the American Communist Party, was one of the founders of the Masses, predecessor of the New Masses and is remembered by his old friends and co-workers, many of whom will participate in the meeting, as one of America's great anti-war fighters

and energetic defender of the first Socialist republic—the Soviet Union. Among the speakers and participants at the memorial meeting, besides Earl Browder, will be Art Young, Mike Gold, Corliss Lamont, Ruth McKenney, Maurice Becker, William Blake, Susan Woodruff, Alter Brody and John Stuart. Marc Blizstek will conduct the American People's Chorus in a section of his new opera, "No for an Answer."

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## Peace Lies in Friendship With USSR, China --- Ford

Communist Vice-Presidential Candidate Holds Press Conference on West Coast; Lambasts Jim Crow in Industries

By Fred English  
(Special to the Daily Worker)  
LOS ANGELES, Calif., Oct. 18.—America's "great chance for peace" lies in entering alliance with China and Soviet Union, James W. Ford, Communist candidate for vice-president, said today.

Ford arrived here this morning to begin a Pacific Coast speaking tour. His statement was made at a press conference, the first in Los Angeles with a Communist candidate for national office.

Only Negro candidate for such high office, Ford said he would open his West Coast tour tonight at Embassy Auditorium by discussing war and its effects on democracy—especially on racial minorities and Negro people. He said his speech would touch on the government's relationship with Mexico and its effects on Spanish-speaking people here.

Ford made three major points:

1. No country "can lay any claims to defending democracy when it oppresses and denies democratic rights to one-ninth of its people." This referred to America's large Negro population.
2. The foreign policy of both Democratic and Republican parties is aimed "to involve the United States in war on the side of Great Britain" and that a "chief victory" for the Communists now lies in making this issue clear to the American people.
3. That America's chance for peace lies chiefly in an alliance of the United States, the Soviet Union and China—"an alliance for peace and not an alliance of aggressive imperialism."

### HITS JIM CROW

Ford answered questions—sometimes unfriendly in their implications—directly in soft-spoken voice. Segregation of Negroes and Jim-Crowism are rampant in the United States, he said pointing particularly to discrimination in the armed forces and in the so-called "National Defense" industries.

Ford singled out the Vultee Airplane Co., which operates factories here and in Tennessee, for criticism. Vultee has declared its employment policy to be jobs "for Caucasians only."

"When Roosevelt spoke on the conscription bill, he said 'we are in the process of preserving our way of life,'" Ford quoted.

"What is this way of life for the Negro people?" he asked.

"It is lynchings, segregation, Jim-Crowism, discrimination and poll taxes in the South."

"It's this way of life that the Negro people want to abolish," he said. Four million Negroes and 64 per cent of Southern whites are now disenfranchised, he said, but through struggle aided by the Communists these people are now fighting for their rights through "right to vote clubs."

The aim of all repressive measures now in use—whether through the Dies Committee, the anti-aliens bill or conscription—is the same, Ford said. The aim is to bring together a united drive against the common people.

"You mean these measures are the entering wedge of fascism?" he was asked.

"Exactly," he replied.

"The Negro people must fight alien-baiting and Jew-baiting as these are the same as Negro-baiting, the Negro leader declared.

"Negroes must join together with labor, progressive and peace forces against this assault and affrontory (of Roosevelt's) Jim-Crow Army program," he said.

Questioned at length about the Soviet Union's foreign policy, Ford said it is now the same as before—consistently opposed to becoming involved in imperialist war, always alert to protect its own borders and to bring about peace.

## War Dep't Speeds Munitions Plants

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 (UP).—The War Department is speeding its drive to establish a vast munitions industry and has allocated \$550,000,000 of the \$774,000,000 Congress provides for arms plants, it was learned today.

Army officials said most of the contracts have been signed but not yet announced.

Only two plants are producing gunpowder—the government-owned Picatinny Arsenal, Picatinny, N. J., and the DuPont plant near Wilmington, Del. Officials admitted that the situation would become serious unless powder output is increased quickly.

Contracts already have been let for construction of powder plants at Radford, Va., which will be operated by Hercules, and at Charleston, Ind., which will be operated by DuPont. Two more will be ordered shortly.

## Spain Floods Kill 200 In Girona Province

BARCELONA, Oct. 18 (UP).—Authorities reported 200 persons were killed in widespread floods throughout Girona province today. Torrential rains in the Pyrenees and foothills sent rivers over their banks and a higher death toll was expected.



JAMES W. FORD

## Pitts. Petition Trial Shows Intimidation

69 Witnesses on Stand Bore Jury; Admit Harassment

By David Lurie  
(Special to the Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 18.—Quantity rather than quality again featured the prosecution's case as the trial of the Communist nominating petition circulators reached the end of the third week.

Assistant District Attorney Langfit put 69 witnesses on the stand who in varying ways claimed they did not know they had signed a Communist nominating petition. A total of 59 state witnesses have so far been heard.

The jury appeared listless as the witnesses reiterated the stories that they "thought" they were signing petitions "to keep the United States out of war," "to restore WPA cuts," "to end unemployment"—all planks on the Communist Party's election platform.

Interest was aroused only during cross-examinations conducted by Cyrus A. Davis, chief defense counsel. Davis constantly brought out the fact that witnesses considered that admission to signing a Communist petition was tantamount to admitting a wrong-doing. Witnesses declared that the publication of their names in the Pittsburgh Press had gotten them into "trouble." The "trouble" consisted in their being visited by police, branded by employers and neighbors as Communists, being subpoenaed by the Grand Jury and forced to testify in court.

An attempt to involve Anthony J. Salopak, secretary-treasurer of the Duquesne Steel Workers Organizing Committee, occurred at the end of an otherwise tedious session. A prosecution witness sought to show that Salopak collected signatures while collecting union dues. This will be flatly denied when the defense takes the stand.

Salopak, who is a Democratic Committeeman, as well as a leader in the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Mill at Duquesne, is one of the forty-three indicted workers. He is not on trial now. When his indictment was handed down a campaign was launched against him in the newspapers, notably the Hearst "Sun-Telegraph." A resolution to remove him from his union post was brought in by red-baiters but received only two votes.

## YCL Calls Huge Anti-War Rally for Oct. 25

Meeting Will Offer Peace Program to Youth Movement

The New York State Young Communist League today announced plans for the organization of the largest mass anti-war rally in its history, to be held on Friday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 P. M. at the Royal Windsor, 60 West 66th Street.

John Gales, executive secretary of the New York State League, in announcing the rally stated that "we members of the Young Communist League share with the youth of our city their deep desire to keep the conscripted youth from being sent to the battlefields of Europe."

"The great contribution which our anti-war rally will make to the youth of the city, to the members of the Young Communist League, to the youth movement, is to outline a comprehensive program for peace for our country, under the new conditions."

Speakers at the rally will include I. Amter, state chairman of the Communist Party of New York; Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, member of the National Committee of the Communist Party; Mac Weiss, national president of the Young Communist League; John Gates; Claude J. Jones, executive secretary, and John Little, chairman.

### By Ernest Pendrell

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 18.—In a stirring address, Roy Hudson, speaking for the National Election Campaign Committee of the Communist Party, raised the following slogans at a special District Committee meeting of the Communist Party here last night:

"Get out the vote for peace."

"Vote straight Communist for peace."

"Bring Sam Darcy back to Philadelphia by Christmas."

These were the slogans which expressed the spirit and enthusiasm of those attending the meeting.

This was the last District Committee meeting Sam Adams Darcy was to attend in the district he had led for two years. He is to be extradited to California in a few days to stand trial on a trumped-up charge six-and-one-half years old.

### Frankfield, secretary of the Communist Party of New England, was being lent to this district until Darcy could return was cheered.

MAKING PLANS FOR DRIVE

To listen to the meeting there was no way of knowing the deep-felt loss the District Committee felt at giving up, after a long fight, its valiant leader. Plans to get out the vote, detailed organizational plans to mobilize for the Oct. 29 meeting in Olympia Arena for James W. Ford; to organize parties to listen to the vice-presidential candidate on the air, Mon., Oct. 21, at 10:45 over WFIL.

Darcy and Hudson, who came to pay tribute to the work of Darcy, both spoke of the value of people, the need to develop people to carry on the work of the Party.

They spoke too of the personal canvassing by candidates and other election workers to every one of the 28,000 signers of the election petition.

At the end of the meeting to get

### 1,000 election workers for election day.

Mother Ella Bloor Omholt, chairman of the meeting and candidate for Congress in the 2nd Congressional District, told of her whirlwind campaign in her Congressional District.

LETTERS TO PROSECUTOR

She spoke of her sons. "So, so many of them." She spoke too of Darcy's return in December and of the need to fight on a nationwide scale to secure his freedom.

The campaign for Darcy's freedom will now take the form of writing to District Attorney Matthew Brady in San Francisco, urging that he discontinue the political persecution of an innocent man.

Hudson's tribute to Darcy was moving. In his recital of the accomplishments of this district under his leadership, Hudson said:

The Party in Eastern Pennsylv-



## CIO Council Here Pledges Full Aid To Marcantonio

Endorses List of Labor Candidates for Office—  
Body Backs Neither Roosevelt Nor  
Willkie for President

The Greater New York Industrial Union Council, endorsing 71 candidates at its regular meeting in Hotel Diplomat Thursday night, placed the election of Rep. Vito Marcantonio as New York labor's major task in the coming elections. The Council started the ball rolling for a



REP. VITO MARCANTONIO

## Scandinavian Seamen's Club Answers Lies

Leaders Hit Charges  
That Ships to Britain  
Are Held Up

Officials of the Scandinavian Seamen's Club declared yesterday that their organization was shipping more men per week through their hiring hall than it had shipped before the European war broke out. The club has more than ten branches with some 5,000 members who sail on Danish, Norwegian and Swedish ships in and out of American seaports.

"Any charges or implications," they said today, "that the Scandinavian Seamen's Club is seeking to halt the sailing of vessels bound for British ports are outright lies. We are shipping more men now than before the war broke out."

"If any ships bound for British ports are held up, it is for one of the two following reasons:

"One, the operators' attempt to cut wages or refuse to pay the regular bonus for travel through submarine-infested waters; or

"Two, many shipowners in the occupied countries, fearful that their vessel may be bombed in British ports, attempt to have the ships held here in the United States."

Thomas Christensen, president, and Gustave Alexander, secretary of the club, discussed the formation recently of the Committee of European Seamen.

"This committee," they said, "was formed by seven national groups whose members have been thrown on the beach in New York as a result of the war. They are Belgian, Dutch, Greek, Norwegian, Swedish, Danish and Yugoslavian."

"The committee is not a membership organization. It is simply a coordinating body of 14 men, two delegates from each of the member organizations. It is occupied solely with the problem of aiding seamen thrown on the beach as a result of the war."

"It engages in no political activity. It is not taking sides in the European conflict. It seeks only to aid foreign seamen in protecting their economic interests."

## N. Y. Communists To Broadcast To Negro People

A series of three broadcasts sponsored by the New York State Election Campaign Committee, Communist Party, over radio station WCNW, will be addressed to the Negro people in Greater New York. The station operates on 1500 kilocycles.

The first three broadcasts will be made tomorrow between 10 and 10:45 A. M. by Timothy Holmes, Negro Communist leader.

Walter Garland, Negro veteran of the Spanish War, will broadcast on the following Sunday, Oct. 27, at 10 A. M. On Sunday, Nov. 3, also at 10 A. M., Robert Campbell, Negro leader in Brooklyn and candidate for President of the Brooklyn Borough, will conclude the series.

## Navy Purchases Yachts of Rich

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 (UP).—The Navy announced today it had acquired 28 more freighters, trawlers, private yachts and tug-boats since Sept. 25 to bolster the fleet's auxiliary system.

The vessels include Harold S. Vanderbilt's yacht *Vara*, which will be converted into a submarine chaser; Col. Edward A. Deed's yacht *Louisville*, which will become a coastal minesweeper; and Mrs. H. E. Mansville's *Hi-Esmara*, also scheduled for service as a minesweeper.

## Amter on Albany Radio Tonight

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
ALBANY, Oct. 18.—Israel Amter, Communist candidate for U. S. Senator, will broadcast here tomorrow (Saturday) between 6:45 and 7 P. M. over radio station WOKO.

Immediately after his broadcast, the Senatorial candidate will leave for Amsterdam to address an election rally on the same night at the Milton Ave. Hotel, 59 Milton Ave.

During this upstate tour, his second in the present campaign, Amter will carry his drive into the southern tier of the State, where he will address a mass meeting in Elmira at the Rathburn Hotel on Monday.

## Chicago Plans Big Rally to Hear Ford on Nov. 1

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—News that James W. Ford, Communist candidate for Vice-President, will speak here at Ashland Auditorium, on Friday, Nov. 1, 8:00 P. M., has spread through the city like wildfire and thousands of people, Negro and white, are planning to greet the Negro leader.

The meeting will be a huge final election rally and a celebration of the 23rd anniversary of the Russian Revolution.

Communist candidate for U. S. Congressman from the First District, hundreds of tickets are being sold for the Nov. 1 meeting.

Ford, who will head a list of local speakers, will arrive here following a nation-wide election tour in which he scored notable successes, particularly in the South, where thousands of Negroes and poor white are rallying to the Communist banner.

A ticket selling campaign for this meeting will be conducted Sunday in connection with the city-wide "Patterson Day" mobilization on the South Side. Scores of house gatherings are also being organized to listen to Ford's radio speech on Monday, which is being carried by the NBC Blue Network.

## Court Here Rules Sound - Trucks Can Be Used

A ruling by Supreme Court Justice John F. Carew yesterday established the right to use sound trucks in city election campaigns.

This, Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine admitted, prevents him from any longer enforcing his ban on trucks with sound equipment. Justice Carew declared the Valentine ban was "arbitrary, unreasonable and violates the right of the people to assemble and disseminate information."

Valentine indicated, however, that police still plan to find a way of enforcing their ban, but admitted that "pending final disposition of the issue," there will be no effort by police to enforce the ban.



**T**HE people have already registered wide and increased support for the Communist Party and its candidates, Earl Browder and James W. Ford. We believe they are ready to register a large Communist vote in November. Here is why we think so:

Hundreds of thousands of people signed our nominating petitions despite black-listing and threats. Our fight for free elections has become a national fight and is being taken up by the general public. Our stand for peace has already been driven home in three coast-to-coast hookups by standard-bearer Browder; it has been spread over hundreds of regional and local networks and through millions of pieces of hard-hitting campaign literature.

A most important indication of wide support is the splendid response to our financial appeals. Thousands of people sacrificed so that our candidates could speak—so that our Party's name could appear on the ballot.

We fought for the right to speak and we are winning! We fought to get on the ballot and won in many states! NOW OUR JOB IS TO GET OUT THE VOTE! Victories for free speech and free elections must be registered in a LARGE vote.

That's the new phase of the election struggle. It calls for multiplied activity—and for funds to carry on activity.

At this stage of the campaign, finances are of

**Forward to a Large Communist Vote!**  
**Forward to Continued Defense of the Bill of Rights!**  
**Forward to Completion of the Fund Drive!**

Signed: WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, Chairman  
ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, Treas.

ADOPTED AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE

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35 EAST 12th STREET

NEW YORK CITY

## Multimillionaire Take Over PM

The newspaper PM announced yesterday that Marshall Field, Chicago merchant would become its largest single stockholder within the next few days.

Stockholders voted yesterday to accept Field's \$300,000 offer for the newspaper's assets and a 15 per cent interest in the common stock of a new corporation to which the assets will be transferred.

Field announced that PM's policies would continue to be guided by Ralph Ingersoll, present editor.



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### The Only Alternative

The latest tabulations of the Gallup poll reveal, unwittingly, what vast possibilities there are for piling up a towering vote for Earl Browder and James W. Ford.

The poll, of course, cannot be regarded as an infallible authority. But its claims that Willkie has recently obtained an edge in five states probably reflects a certain trend in the country.

Undoubtedly, this so-called "swing to Willkie" is due to two primary causes. First, the fears of the people against being drawn into the imperialist carnage have become even more pronounced; and there is still wide opposition to peace-time conscription. But the people do not yet see the clear and only alternative to Roosevelt's war program although they're making progress in the right direction. It is being increasingly recognized that Roosevelt is actually carrying through the war policies, although it has not yet penetrated deeply that Willkie agrees with those policies. In fact, Willkie just came out yesterday for even more aid for British imperialism—when it is this very aid which is drawing the country closer to the bloody European tussle for empire. Nevertheless, Roosevelt is the man in power and the people are expressing their sentiments against his swift moves toward war.

Secondly, Willkie is more consciously exploiting the peace feelings of the people with demagoguery. In his recent speeches he has been covering his war program with thicker coats of peace paint, hoping thereby to deceive and lure the people into the war flames.

But Roosevelt is no more a "lesser evil" than Willkie stands against America's entry into the war. As Earl Browder declared to the Brooklyn rally last Thursday:

"There is no longer even a 'lesser evil' to choose, if there are still any such misguided persons who will vote for one evil in the vain hope of thereby avoiding a worse. Both evils have taken pains to make themselves identical, so far as the main issues are concerned.

"There is now but one way to vote against war and reaction in 1940, in any clear and effective way, and that way is to vote the Communist ticket.

"That is why the war-conspirators of the Democratic and Republican Parties have joined their efforts to make it difficult or impossible to vote the Communist ticket."

The only adequate means the people have of expressing their peace desires, is not through Willkie, Roosevelt's twin, but through voting for Browder and Ford. The platform of the Communist standard-bearers is the only alternative to Wall Street's program of war and disaster for the American people.

### The President Signs Another Dangerous Bill

In signing the Voorhis Registration ("Blacklist") Bill, President Roosevelt has taken still another step toward the militarization and fascization of the country.

This measure, which originated in the Dies Committee, has been put across under the guise of controlling "foreign agents." But instead of being used against real foreign agents, there is every reason to believe that the new law will be applied against the trade unions and other organizations that stand for peace.

It must be borne in mind that any attempt to apply the new law to the Communist Party, would only be a first step in its application against all organizations that are fighting involvement in the war and the destruction of living standards at home.

The stand of the National Maritime Union and other labor groups, urging the President to veto the measure, showed that

the large sections of the workers were beginning to understand the full meaning of this measure, which might be used to make public the membership lists of all organizations with international connections of any kind.

Now, that the President has made the bill a law, all labor and other progressive groups must be on their toes to make sure that it is not used to suppress civil liberties and to undermine the Bill of Rights.

### Ohio, Congratulations!

We send our greetings and congratulations to the Communist Party of Ohio whose election campaign for peace has won the admiration of peace-loving Americans.

We are sure that our readers will applaud our printing of a special Ohio election supplement of 50,000 copies which is today being distributed in Ohio.

Ohio is rich in traditions of the people's anti-war struggles. The names of Debs and Ruthenberg are linked with Ohio and the anti-war fight of 1917. These traditions are strong among the people of Ohio. So strong, in fact, that the rulers of Ohio have flung aside the 35,000 signatures collected to put the Communist Party on the ballot. The warmongers are afraid of Ohio's demand to keep America out of the imperialist war.

But, the Communist Party message of peace is welcomed by the workers and farmers of that state. We are sure that the write-in campaign of the Communist Party, forced upon it by the arbitrary ruling which took it off the ballot, will win the support of thousands upon thousands of Ohioans as the Communists spread the message of peace and civil liberty. Congratulations and good work, Ohio!

### Terror Against Free Elections in New York

In 28 up-state counties, American Legion officials are responsible for systematic terror against all citizens who exercised their constitutional right to sign the nominating petitions of the Communist Party.

People are being told that unless they repudiate their signatures they will be taken off relief, WPA and that they will lose their citizenship or be thrown into detention camps. Such lies and gangsterism are to be compared with the methods of Hitler, but neither the Republicans nor Democrats have uttered a word against these attacks upon free elections.

It is plain why this intimidation has been launched at this time. The brass-hat leaders of the Legion have filed a suit to deprive the Communist Party of its lawful ballot rights in the state and the suit comes up in Albany Monday. They hope that a vicious terror campaign will intimidate citizens and scare them out of their right to sign the petitions of a minority party.

This assault upon the constitutional liberties of American citizens is a scandal upon the state of New York and a danger to every right which the people hold dear. Telegrams should go by the thousands to Gov. Lehman, in Albany, demanding that this terror campaign be halted and that the guilty persons be prosecuted.

### The Medical Monopoly Wins

It's a nice trick. And it works.

First, the Oil Trust tried it. They said that if the Government interferes with their iron-clad monopoly, it "would hamper national defense." The Administration quickly took their word for it. The anti-trust actions against the oil Trust have been "postponed indefinitely" by the Roosevelt administration.

Now, the "medical trust" of the American Medical Association tried the trick. It has worked again. The reactionary clique which controls the AMA in an official editorial warned on Tuesday that if they are tried in court for monopoly control of medical practice in America, that this would "interfere with draft aid."

Faced by this threat, the Government yesterday announced that it has "postponed indefinitely" its suit against the AMA.

Thus, the health of the American people is flatly sacrificed to another monopoly—in the name of "defense."



—Reprinted from NEW MASSES

## Death in the Mines---at Congress' Door

Seventeen months ago a modest bill was introduced into Congress. Its purpose was to help save the lives of miners by having federal inspectors examine the conditions in the coal mines.

For seventeen months that bill has been bottled up. Meanwhile scores of miners have lost their lives through the criminal negligence and greed of the mine operators. But neither from the White House, nor from the Republican Party, has come any cry of "emergency." Here the lives of Americans are really at stake; but the leaders of both parties are completely indifferent. The coal operators, among whom are some of the richest railroads and steel companies, have made it clear that they want the Neeley-Keller Mine Inspection bill killed. They cannot bear the idea of having conditions in their death-trap mines made known.

A report of the Bureau of Mines now makes it clear that the lives of ten Arkansas miners, killed in an explosion last August—in a mine where two more accidents had occurred in the past four years—could have been saved had precautions been taken—in other words, IF CONGRESS HAD NOT KEPT THE NEELEY-KELLER BILL BURIED.

The Congressmen shed crocodile tears about the victims of the war abroad. But their refusal to bring the Mine-Inspection Bill to a vote, is resulting in the death of American miners just as surely as bombs are killing miners in England and Germany.

Only fifteen more signatures of Congressmen are needed to bring the Neeley-Keller bill to the floor. These names should be secured at once and the bill passed and made a law.

## Starvation Kills Thousands in U. S., Article in Medical Journal Reveals

By Ralph Hayes

"Oh sure—things are bad. But at least nobody starves. Not here in the United States."

The next time a patriot of the pollyanna brand hands you this old bromide, tell him to take a look at the Sept. 7, 1940, issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association. There he will find an article by Dr. W. H. Sebrell of the United States Public Health Service—an article that ought to jolt him out of his naive complacency and give him a better picture of the true state of affairs in this richest country in the world.

For there in black and white are the official figures which indicate that in the United States somewhere in the neighborhood of 4,000 people die every year as a direct result of pellagra, rickets, scurvy, beriberi, tetany, and osteomalacia. In other words, leaving aside the medical terminology, these people starve to death.

These figures, however, do not begin to show the actual extent of starvation in the United States. They take into account only the number of persons reported dying from these six causes. There are other nutritional causes of death not included in this list of six diseases. Furthermore, nutritional deficiencies are an important contributing factor in causing the death of countless persons who are reported as dying from other causes. Tuberculosis, to take but one example, accounts for more than 65,000 deaths annually, and tuberculosis is a disease of poverty. Out of the 20,000 yearly suicides nobody knows just how many were brought about because starvation seemed to be the only alternative. Certainly, if we could determine the number of deaths in which

lack of sufficient and proper food played a major or important part, the figure would be many times 4,000.

Dr. Sebrell is well aware of this fact, and does not hesitate to state that "in all probability the nutritional diseases constitute our greatest medical and public health problem."

The smug exponents of the "no-body starves" school speak, of course, from sheer ignorance. But there is another factor which they do not take into consideration. Starvation, to them, must have what is known medically as a dramatic termination. If a person drops dead from lack of food they are willing to grant that he starved. But there is another type of starvation. It is slower and less spectacular, but it is starvation nevertheless. It is called undernourishment and it results in death for some, while for very many others it means chronic illness, lack of productive capacity, and inefficiency.

#### GREATEST HEALTH PROBLEM

If we count the Americans suffering, or in danger of suffering, from this form of starvation, we find ourselves way up in the millions. The number is approximately 45,000,000 according to Harriet Elliott, Consumer Commissioner of the National Defense Advisory Commission, who reports that this many of us live below the safety line because we do not get the food we need. From any standpoint this is a sorry situation. Miss Elliott's chief concern is with its military implications. "Hungry people, undernourished people, ill people, do not make for strong defense," she says, and then pleads, "Let's make America strong by making Americans stronger."

These are fine words. Miss Elliott must realize, however, that they have a hollow ring when uttered in the atmosphere which now pervades official Washington. The only way to make Americans stronger is to see that Americans are provided with abundant food, and the only way that this can be accomplished is to raise the wages and purchasing power of the people. And yet, the slogan of the Roosevelt administration is now, "Guns—not butter." Every administration move is calculated to reduce still further the insufficient buying power of the people, and to give unbridled license to the powerful business interests whose profits are soaring in spite of higher prices and decreased consumption.

The Anti-Trust Division of the Department of Justice is told to lay off the trusts and go after the labor unions. Giant corporations which flagrantly and brazenly violate the laws designed to protect labor are rewarded with fat government contracts and bonuses. Billions of dollars are tossed nonchalantly into the war chest, while meager relief appropriations are cut far below subsistence levels. The once-promising health program is tossed aside as a luxury we presumably can't afford at a critical time like this. "Sacrifice—or else," government tells the working people, and then turns to smile benevolently at the captains of industry who say, "To hell with sacrifice—we're in business for cash!"

This is not the way to make Americans stronger. It is the way to perpetuate and intensify the malnutrition and starvation which continue year after year to sap the American people of their strength and vitality.

by Gropper

## Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

Lucky thing there are plenty of rich folks in the country. Otherwise how could we get draft boards?

Registration day, everyone agrees, was a triumph for democracy. Rich and poor, high and low, were all there on line. The Dead End boys had a chance to mingle with a couple of Park Avenue swells for fifteen minutes. If the line was long, they had a double portion of democracy and were able to stand next to the blue-bloods for half an hour. What a triumph for the principles of Jefferson to be able to rub shoulders with a Rockefeller for a day—and get the cold shoulder the rest of the year.

What we liked best was the drawing in PM showing American youth rushing to sign up, their faces beaming with joy and idealism. How come they couldn't get a photograph?

Most reassuring was President Roosevelt's message to the draftees that money was being drafted too. Yes—they're drafting the pennies of the people and handing them over to the war-profters.

#### "THE MOST PECULIAR ELECTION....."

I have a tale to relate  
Of a man concerned with his fate,  
A man in deadly dull debate  
As to his choice of candidate.

In truth the man could state  
That neither one did he hate;  
Each came to him with a slate  
That gave him cause to state.

So he came to estimate  
Each flaw and character trait;  
True, one had a baldish pate  
But the other bore much weight.

Still, 'twas no time to procrastinate,  
There must be one to inaugurate;  
He could no longer hesitate—  
Ah yes! He'd leave it up to fate.

One day, there arrived at his gate  
A huge van, and within, a crate  
And there in harmonious state  
The donkey and elephant mate.

And the donkey and his new found mate  
Were led down the path through the gate;  
And the man, blindfolded, did designate  
By pointing at one his finger of fate.

So chose this worthy potentate—  
So voted Wall Street's great magnate.

LILLIAN STEVENS.

Headline: "Draft Imposed On Us, President Says, By Those Who Threaten War."  
That's telling 'em—and the initials of the "Those" are FDR and WW.

Good News! We are glad to see a sign at last that the President does not intend regimenting every last living soul in the country—he has just vetoed a bill to mobilize pigeons for "national defense."

Suggestion for those society dames: if you're really against fascism, how about putting on a benefit ball for the Communist Party of Germany?

It is rumored that Sidney Hillman expects to take part in the next Olympic swimming matches—doing the crawl.

Leslie W. sends in the first solution to Secret Agent HPO (with the required dollar bill for the Daily Worker Fund). He writes: "When the Governor discovers that he himself is the 'red agent,' he chooses the only course open to an honorable man: he resigns. When the President learns of the Governor's honest action, he becomes conscience-stricken and admits that the purpose of the draft is really to hasten U. S. involvement in the war. Whereupon Sumner Welles apologizes to the Soviet Union for his unfortunate remarks on the occasion of the Baltic States joining the U. S. S. R. and the following Saturday CCNY's football team runs rough-shod over Cornell 65-0."

Contributions to the Fund, as credited to Point of Order:

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| Leslie W. ....            | \$ 1.00 |
| H. Z. ....                | 1.00    |
|                           | \$ 2.00 |
| Previously recorded ..... | \$49.71 |
| Total .....               | \$51.71 |

## Letters From Our Readers

Sends \$5 to Harry Gannes Fund

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Certainly all of us who look forward with keen anticipation to the recovery of Harry Gannes and the return of his crystal clear analysis to the pages of our newspaper will welcome the suggestion of a reader of contributions to be credited to Comrade Gannes.

The attached five dollars is a small token of the writer's debt to the real understanding of international events which Comrade Gannes' column brought to him. With all good wishes for Harry's recovery.

A. D.

A Dollar for Mike Gold "To Keep Punching"

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Enclosed find one dollar for Mike Gold's column. Just a small deposit on the future—stay in there and keep punching.

B. H.

Wants to Fight for People—Will Vote for Browder

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I want to fight for a people's defense, and a people's democracy. And I know only one way to do it. I want to be on the side of another great American who typifies the masses he represents, as did Abraham Lincoln.

I want to fight for the right to vote for my candidate. I want to help pile up a tremendous vote against imperialism and American fascism. I don't want to "waste" my vote either.

I'm balloting and battling for the rights and victory of Earl Browder, James Ford, the Communist Party of the United States and the disinherited masses of America on Nov. 5!

A VOTER.



## CHANGE THE WORLD



Anti-Intellectualism  
Is a Disease Which  
The Communists Fight

By MIKE GOLD

A PROFESSIONAL friend whose job consists of dodging Nicholas Murray Butler long enough to inject a little painful accuracy into the teaching at Columbia, took me to task over a dish of chop suey the other evening.

"You have been riding the intellectuals too hard," he said. "Some of your readers may begin to think you are an anti-intellectual. Which isn't true, of course, is it?"

Of course it isn't true; and I am sorry if I gave that impression to even one reader. Anti-intellectualism is the most dangerous of doctrines. It is a step toward fascism, as one can demonstrate from the anti-intellectual pogroms of the Nazis, or from articles that have appeared in the Saturday Evening Post, such as the anti-intellectual series of Gilbert Selig.

Anti-intellectualism has as times penetrated the working-class world, in the form of a doctrine put forward by "leftist" theorists, often intellectuals themselves.

Their basic idea was that workers are concerned only with bread and butter problems, and hence, the intellectuals who introduce political and cultural problems are diverting the masses from their true goals.

This is only Comperism in another form, and we know how reactionary the A. F. of L. leaders have become with this "pure and simple trade unionism."

The word "intellectual" does not ring well on American ears. In Europe it is used merely as a description of the men and women who make their living in the professions. In the United States, where any suggestion of caste is disliked, the word takes on some flavor of a boast, of a caste pride. "You're a worker, but I have brains and am an intellectual," is the connotation.

Which isn't what any democratic-minded professional ever feels at all. He is a worker, and knows it. Thousands of him and her have organized in guilds and trade unions during the past decade—the newspapermen, lawyers, architects, the nurses, engineers, teachers, etc. They have had their strikes and other proletarian troubles, and fought as hard as proletarians. They have actually become a factor in trade union politics, both CIO and A. F. of L.—and on the whole, a progressive factor.

So what would you call them? While collar workers? That is being used, but it is a clumsy sort of word, too. Professionals? That bears a slight taint, too, as a word. It suggests the mercenary—"professional politician" or "professional Irishman or Jew." Which leaves—intellectuals: and I have already stated the objections to that word.

So in fact, we haven't yet invented in English a good descriptive word that will cover this large element in the working population. But they are here, and if we must discuss them, let's use any convenient word, and forget all the prejudices that surround it.

I think one of the reasons my teacher friend acquired the impression that I was becoming an intellectual-baiter is due to the fact that I have written all the publicity, while virtue must remain its own reward.

All this curious crew of renegade intellectuals who have been recently discovering that "Marxism is not for them" have been given a lot of publicity in the bourgeois press.

Most of them could have done such revising of their personal philosophies years ago, and been regarded as sincere, whereas now they are doing it under fire of the capitalist enemy, and that suggests cowardice.

Nevertheless, as each one of these sorry Prodigal Sons returns to the old Wall Street homestead, the drums are beaten and the joy-bells ring with a victorious peal.

It is schmerz, it smells, it turns the stomach, but since it is a spectacle of our time, one has to comment on it. But the "virtuous" intellectuals who dig in a little more deeply under fire, and see their Marxism strengthened by the events of today, they get little publicity—except from the Dies Committee.

Well, I am sorry to appear one-sided, negative, and so forth about the intellectuals. Some of my best friends are intellectuals. Some of the chief heroes in my pantheon are intellectuals—Lenin, Maxim Gorky, and John Reed, for example.

Sunday is the 20th anniversary of the death of John Reed, and I am slated to appear at the New Masses memorial meeting at Manhattan Center tomorrow afternoon, where I will try to wipe out this unfortunate impression that I am anti-intellectual.

John Reed came from a well-to-do middle class home. He was a student at Harvard, our finest college, and there he mingled with a strata of youth that assuredly never missed a meal or traveled in a box-car.

After graduation, John Reed's glorious writing talents brought him national fame. He became the ace reporter of America, with everyone of the bourgeois prizes for success and conformity within his reach.

But he came over to the side of the People. John Reed went through at least a dozen big strikes, as sympathizer, reporter, and volunteer picket. He was arrested; he lost bourgeois respectability. He lost more of it in his reports on the Mexican Revolution of 1910. He opposed America's entrance into the last imperialist war. This fight completed the boycott by the bourgeois editors. And when John Reed went to Russia, and became America's foremost interpreter of that giant working-class strike, that was a burning of all the bridges that led back into his bourgeois past.

John Reed was America's first literary Bolshevik. He was an intellectual, but of a new breed in the world. Lenin was fond of John Reed; and Earl Browder will be the main speaker at the New Masses meeting. Thousands of Americans, workers, and intellectuals, have never failed to honor the great name of John Reed through the years. This year the memorial takes on a special significance—for the intellectuals of today must face the same tests of character and social faith that John Reed met two decades ago with such magnificent clarity and courage.

No, no Communist can ever be that foolish thing, an anti-intellectual, so long as out of that group appear figures like John Reed.

## Music Notes

Karin Brannell, Metropolitan Opera contralto, will celebrate a milestone when she sings with the Chicago Opera Company next month. Her performance as Amneris in the opening night production of "Aida" will mark her 125th appearance in that role. She has sung it not only in the original Italian, but also in her native Swedish and in German. Her opening night appearance will be only the second time that this artist has been heard in opera in Chicago, her debut with the company in November of last year having been in the same Verdi role. Her other Chicago roles this season will include that of Aulenta in "Il Trovatore" and Herodias in "Salome."

In December, Mme. Brannell will return to New York, where she will again be heard with the Metropolitan chiefly in the Wagnerian contralto roles.

Founded with the intention of providing people who lack a thorough musical background with the opportunity of making music, the Group has already given public performances of Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" and has broadcast Mendelssohn's "Ester Wapurgismacht" and "Naenie" by Brahms.

The season's first meeting of the group, which is open to singers of all voices, will be held in the Mannes Music School concert hall on Wednesday night, Oct. 23, at 7:30. The first work to be studied will be the Mozart "Requiem." This year, all performances will be given with the cooperation of an orchestra.

Featured on the program that will be presented by Ellen Ballon, the noted Canadian pianist, in Town Hall on Sunday, Nov. 10, are the first performances anywhere of two Etudes by Alberto Jonas, dedicated to Miss Ballon, his former pupil. The young pianist will also play the Bach-Silotti Organ Prelude in G minor, the Beethoven Sonata Opus 110, the Schumann G minor Sonata and groups by Chopin and Medtner.

Miss Ballon's recital will be her first appearance on the American concert platform in over five years.

## Those Peculiar Reviews of Chaplin's Film

## Critics Greet 'The Great Dictator' With Jibes Because of Peace Message

By Sender Garlin

The journalistic posse is gunning for Charlie Chaplin's new screen triumph "The Great Dictator." Almost unanimously the film critics of the metropolitan press have come to the "independent" conclusion that Chaplin has strayed from the reservation in his latest picture because he failed to confine himself to the more limited scope of his earlier films.

From the heavily upholstered New York Times and Tribune to the boulevard Daily News and Mirror, the film reviewers declare that Chaplin has disappointed them.

Chaplin's artistry is so unassailable that the press has a hard time of it. For the hard fact is that the capitalist newspapers of the city are unhappy about the film; it is not the kind of picture they expected. They wanted either the whimsical Chaplin with the baggy pants and cane of an earlier era or a thumping war-propaganda film of the "Foreign Correspondent" variety. They got neither. "The Great Dictator" is a film which bares oppression everywhere. The press does not find it useful for war-recruiting purposes.

## Is Attack on Intolerance

The film concludes with an eloquent plea for tolerance; it attacks persecution of Jews, Negroes and all minorities; Chaplin talks of a world that has machines capable of creating all that the world needs, but which leaves millions in want. He appeals for a breakdown of national barriers and calls for a fight against greed and hate. It is an earnest call for unity of all peoples against their oppressors.

This is what the majority of the film critics do not like. "The appeal for reason and kindness," says the Times, "is completely out of joint with that which has gone before." The Herald Tribune asserts that the film, "in turning to outright propaganda, sacrifices a large measure of the artistry which has distinguished Chaplin's offerings as the greatest comedies the screen has ever produced."

Damning With Faint Praise  
Praise for the film is nullified by a postscript assault in the review of the Times. Chaplin's concluding speech, "the appeal for reason and kindness," says the critic, "is completely out of joint with that which has gone before. Chaplin steps out of character and addresses his heart to the audience. The effect is bewildering, and what should be the climax becomes flat and mauling."

Perhaps the Times reviewer did not hear the applause at the preview which was attended primarily by critics, but one of the most stirring moments during the performance we witnessed occurred when the applause on the screen for the impassioned "appeal for reason and kindness" synchronized with the applause of the thousands of spectators in the theatre. The New York Post is downright crude in its attack upon "The Great Dictator." After some concessions about "some glorious satire," the Post reviewer launches into a tirade against Chaplin for making "a repulsive speech urging peace upon the world, unity upon the peoples of all nations, and who sees greed as the underlying cause of modern social and national tragedy."

The social-democratic Post, with its war-thumping editorial policy, can not too strongly condemn this crime. "This speech," it says, "is so completely out of key with all that has preceded that it makes you squirm. . . . It is an artistic buster of the first water."

Most outspoken of all is the film critic of the Daily News who devotes more than half of her review to an ill-tempered attack upon the picture. "It is a disappointing film," Kate Cameron says. "It is by no means the great satire that we were led to expect from the little master's studios. . . . Chaplin has made the mistake of straying too far from his original technique of presenting the sad little tramp of cinema fame in a series of strange, wonderful and completely funny adventures."

The Daily News writer expressed particular indignation over the conclusion of the picture. She writes: "At the end of 'The Great Dictator,' Chaplin was a frightening figure at the audience, while he shouts in an hysterical voice that we must fight and fight and fight. Among the things we must fight for, says he, is the abolition of national boundaries."

This, she says, makes the picture "Communist propaganda."

Danton Walker, in his Broadway column, on another page of the same issue, describes Chaplin's great achievement as "a custard pie comedy based on the horror and tragedy of the European situation—two things that don't mix."

Wishful thinking is revealed in Walker's assertion that if "he gets his money back on the venture it will be one of the miracles of the show business."

Are Critics "Artists in Uniform"?  
Especially significant is the fact that a number of the critics have hit upon the same formula for their attack, namely, that Chaplin has turned "political" and hence has weakened his film.

Ed Sullivan, in his column in the Daily News, asserts sentimentally that "every comic wants to play Hamlet and no clown should play Hamlet." It is not plagiarism, but rather political affinity which prompts the film reviewer of the "liberal" PM to observe that "He (Chaplin) wants to play Hamlet and be a political economist and cry out in the wilderness. Thus the comedy and entertainment of 'The Great Dictator' is hung on the tangled framework of Chaplin, the thinker's explanation of, and solution for, the world's ills."

Mr. Lee Mortimer, the film critic of the Mirror, tangles himself up into a maze of contradictions when he declares that "Chaplin's own defense of Democracy at the end of the picture is thrilling and soul-stirring," but earlier in the review Mortimer declared that "Chaplin apparently deliberately chose to sacrifice a certain amount of entertainment value in order to get in a preachment against the bitter things in this world of today."

Hearst's Journal-American, notorious for its devotion to art as against propaganda, joins the man-hunt against Chaplin's film. Its reviewer, Rose Pelwick, after reporting the "glittering world premiere" at the Astor and Capitol Theatres, declares that the picture "makes for uneasiness, part grim reality. It's at its best when Chaplin devotes himself to comedy."

This is the refrain that runs through practically all the reviews of the film in the capitalist press. Give us back those baggy trousers, that cane, that shuffling walk—



Charlie Chaplin in the role of a soldier at the front in "The Great Dictator."

but please, please, keep away from those urgent issues that are on the minds of millions of people throughout the world!

William Boehnel in the World-Telegram complains that "in place of the lovable scallawag we have a new Chaplin—Chaplin the serious propagandist." But Boehnel soon betrays the basic reasons for his pique. "Today," he says, "stronger weapons than railleury are needed."

When a "Message" Is Not Propaganda

A clue to what Mr. Boehnel means by "stronger weapons" is found in Archer Winston's review of the new film, "Arise, My Love." This picture also has a message, says Mr. Winston. "The message," he adds, "is 'Arise, My Love,' and it is spoken to America. Not in

## Chaplin's Humanism and Faith in the People Revealed in Latest Picture

terms of amorosness, but in terms of fighting ships of the air. Tens of thousands of fliers, for tens of thousands of planes."

The film critics howl that "politics" interfered with the fun of "The Great Dictator." Behind the fraud of their pretense is a resentment that Chaplin's movie is not a weapon for war-recruiting. His portrayal of the German people runs counter to the British Foreign Office characterization of the German people as "brutes." Chaplin does not identify the German people with the savage system which enslaves them. This is strikingly revealed on a number of occasions. Even the Storm Troopers—when they are ordered to refrain from attacking the Jews in the Ghetto while the government is negotiating a loan from an influential Jew (who later refuses to give the money)—are shown as tools rather than accomplices in these attacks.

## Critics Wanted

## War Message

More significant is the fact that in his concluding speech Chaplin's words about the armies of the world uniting against their oppressors is cheered by the thousands of soldiers who have gathered presumably to listen to the dictator, Hynkel.

These incidents in the film reveal the motif which underlies it, and which makes it difficult for the press to utilize it for war hysteria.

One of the most amusing scenes in the film is the one in which Hynkel (of the Nazis) awaits Napoleon (of the Blackshirts) at the railroad station, the latter arriving to effect a "peaceable" solution of a border conflict. (Madame Napoleon, incidentally, is treated too much in the stereotyped vaudeville manner—a manner which the Italian people justifiably dislike). The scene between the two dictators would have been even more hilarious and given a truer picture of the world political forces responsible for fascism and the present war if it had shown Chamberlain and his umbrella arriving on the same train with the plans for the Munich betrayal in his portfolio.

Of course, one neither expects nor gets in "The Great Dictator" an all-sided, anti-fascist, anti-war film. But unquestionably the people who genuinely hate fascism everywhere will respond sympathetically to this outstanding film, while those phony "foes" of fascism, who are blind to the forces that breed fascism in their own country, will quite naturally seek to belittle the picture.

Odd, isn't it, how so few of the metropolitan film critics found fault with the "message" of "Foreign Correspondent" or "The Ramparts We Watch" or "Nipotchka" or "He Stayed For Breakfast," which was pure hokum from start to finish, resorted to the hoariest tricks of the trade. But few of the critics made an issue of it. On the contrary, the film was hailed as a great achievement. Its "message" was a brazen piece of war propaganda.

"The Ramparts We Watch" is the worst war-mongering film made to date. It is a complete falsification of history. But nearly every paper in town heaped praise upon it.

## The 'Noble' Motives Of the Press

"Nipotchka" was a cheap and trivial slander on the people of the Soviet Union. Its humor—equated of contrived gags of the Morris Ryskind brand. It revealed the grossest ignorance of the Soviet Union. But it received the universal plaudits of the film critics. Its alleged humor was declared as "delicious farfetchedness." The movie fans were told it was full of side-splitting situations. "He Stayed For Breakfast" was an equally stupid film, but because it was an attack upon Communists it was hailed as a significant contribution. The film critics of the capitalist press lie when they say that Chaplin's "message" spoiled his film. What they mean is that they do not like the nature of that message, for Chaplin in "The Great Dictator" has revealed once again his superb artistry, his deep humanism, his profound faith in the people.

## Mendelssohn Program by NBC Symphony, 10 Tonight

NBC Symphony Orchestra heard in Mendelssohn Program over WJZ at 10 tonight.

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## On The Score Board

Picking 'Em  
on  
The Gridiron

By LESTER RODNEY

Following up last week's pretty pickings, we come upon the following conclusions this bright Saturday:

Columbia to ease one out over Georgia. But close. The Southerners were a sophomore team, with all the earmarks last year when they played up here, and don't let that beating by Ole Miss fool you. Ole Miss is apt to beat anyone, anyway, in fact I pick 'em to beat unbeaten Duquesne today, just to get specific about the thing. Luck to Columbia, the Lions have the stuff this year with Governor pitching and more reserves than in years, and should win. But if they play the game with rosy dreams of next week's tilt with Cornell on their mind they're going to get a jolt.

Banged up NYU is about a 4-1 underdog against Holy Cross at the Stadium. Not picking the Violets to win, but they're a much sounder football team than last week's fall-apart thumping by Syracuse would indicate and should make it a good ball game. They're loaded with good fullbacks and blockers like Wittekind, Bates, Barmak and Pace, but the threat men, La Manna, Finn, Feil, et al., are all hurt and that unbalances the attack. NYU will be a much better team later in the season—let's say around the Fordham game particularly.

Down at Pittsburgh Fordham's undefeated Rams take on their old enemies of the scoreless ties, Pitt, and the Panthers have turned out to be surprisingly strong. But I'm strong on the Ram this year. Eshmont is All-American, the line is great and young Filipowicz is just the passer Crowley needed to make his long gaining ground stuff go. They should win today and may go right on winning from there.

Syracuse will do valiantly as it can for a while against Cornell, but then my idea of the best team in the land should go to town for about a two, touchdown margin. I'd like to see the Big Red against Tennessee or one of those gangs that think they know how to play football.

The big Midwest game of the day finds Minnesota and Ohio State clashing head-on. The Gophers are powerful, but I think they're hitting the Staters at the wrong time. Ohio to bounce back from its Northwestern defeat and win. Too good a ball club to lose two in a row.

Northwestern to keep moving toward the Big Nine title over Wisconsin; Michigan to avenge last year's upset by Illinois amply; Notre Dame to walk over Carnegie with that terrific first back-field doing its stuff—Sagau and Piepol are really great; Penn to take Princeton comfortably; Yale to rally its battered forces and outraged amateur soul enough to lick Dartmouth.

Georgia Tech to nip Vanderbilt down South; SMU to sort of upset surprisingly good Auburn; Texas A & M to push over TCU narrowly—that Kimbrough; North Carolina to pick up from its great showing against TCU and sock North Carolina State and Mississippi, as we said before to beat Duquesne.

Also USC and UCLA to come through at last for dear old Farrell, beating Oregon and California, respectively. Word is that Jackie Robinson is ready and team overdue to start going. Duke over Colgate, Tulane to go at last against Rice and Villanova to sock Baylor of Texas. Could throw in some sucker shots to dress up the average, but last week has gone to our head. We'll stick to the tough 25. And prepare an accounting on Sunday.

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Down to N.Y.U.?

## NYU STUDENTS LAUNCH CAMPAIGN AGAINST BENCHING OF NEGRO STAR IN MISSOURI GAME

PETITION TAKES NYU BY STORM



NYU students sign "Bates Must Play" petitions in the school lunchroom yesterday. 2,000 had signed by 3 P.M. and it was going strong. Seated at the table are Helen Smith, vice-president of the Negro Culture Group, and Myron Emanuel, president of the Washington Square senior class.

## 30 Organizations, Frats, Papers Say 'Bates Must Play or Cancel the Game'

2,000 Signatures on Petition in Lunchroom by 3 P.M. as Aroused Student Body Swings Into Unprecedented Action—Mass Meeting Monday

By Lester Rodney

The greatest mass student protest against Jim Crow in the history of college sports was launched yesterday at New York University when representatives of approximately 30 student organizations on the downtown campus, the two student newspapers and ten fraternities cooperated in forming an All University Committee to demand that Leonard Bates, Negro football star, be allowed to play in the NYU-Missouri game scheduled for Missouri Nov. 2nd, or the game be cancelled.

A huge "Bates Must Play" sign was hung up in the school cafeteria and over 2,000 signatures were obtained on petitions there by 3 P.M. The petitions, which met with unanimous approval from the aroused and united student body, were also circulated in classrooms. "Bates Must Play" buttons are being distributed and a mass meeting is scheduled for 3 P.M. on Monday.

Athletic officials at the school told members of the newly formed committee that when Bates first came out for the football team as a freshman star last year he "was told that the Missouri game was scheduled and that he would not be permitted to play." A delegation from the committee will go directly to Dean Chase on Wednesday and ask for his stand on either having Bates play or cancelling the game. Coach Mal Stevens, who has spoken against discrimination of any sort in the past, expressed himself as being "very unhappy about the situation," but added, "Bates won't play. If they were playing here they'd have to play against anyone we wanted to play, but out there they are the hosts and we have to accede to their demands. Bates understands that."

"Bates does 'understand,' and it seems as though the student body, which supports the team, 'understands' only too well NYU's policy of appeasement of Missouri's brazen and unapologetic discrimination—a type of discrimination being condemned and fought more and more by American sports followers—and want to end it once and for all right now.

Guy A. Stoupe, elected chairman of the All-University "Bates Must Play" committee, said:

"It is a sad commentary that a campaign such as this is necessary to insure participation of a Negro athlete in the NYU-Missouri game. The very essence of sports is fair play."

Students queried at the downtown school yesterday were unanimous in saying that Bates must play or the game be cancelled.

Jean Bornstein, vice-president of the Student Council; Evelyn Maisel, senior representative, and Ruth Blech, president of the senior house plan, issued a joint statement, saying:

"We feel definitely that Bates Must Play and the campaign for his playing must bring to the students and to the whole university the realization that we will not stand for discrimination whether it be in sports or any other university activity."

Among the remarks of students coming out of the cafeteria: William Brooks, Negro student in his junior year:

"I feel the students are acting right in protesting this discrimination. This is a step toward making NYU adopt a positive policy in future conflicts of this nature. Let NYU take the initiative and it will be of national significance as well as a step forward in the field of education. This is not the case of Bates alone but of all Negro athletes."

Zinko Funchik, journalist student, said:

"This is not only a question of Bates. This is part of the discrimination against Negro and Jewish students. We have to remind Missouri that we fought the Civil War and that this is a question of fighting it all over again, perhaps."

Marvin Goldsmith, president of the Junior class, and Myron Emanuel, president of the senior class, said:

"On behalf of the executive branches of the Junior and senior classes we deplore the existence of race prejudice in the so-called liberal institutions. We insist Bates must play or we should sever all athletic relations with Missouri or any other school having the same policy."

The Tau Delta Phi and Phi Lambda Delta fraternities, later joined by others, said:

"We support the Bates-Must-Play Committee in its fight against discrimination. Either Bates must be permitted to play or the game be called off."

All three downtown schools, Washington Square, Commerce and School of Education are involved in the action. Both student papers, the Washington Square and Commerce "Bulletins," demand editorially that Bates must play or the game be cancelled.

### Wisconsin, Irish Protested Too

This is not the first time the Jim Crow officials of Missouri have run up against the contempt of college students because of their insistence as "hosts" that Negro stars be benched. Last spring they "requested" the benching of Jimmy Smith, a Negro star of Wisconsin University, in a scheduled three-school track meet at Missouri between Missouri, Wisconsin and Notre Dame. Aroused campus action at Wisconsin resulted in a "Run against Smith or go to hell" petition sent to Missouri by students and all track stars. Demonstrations followed successfully on the Notre Dame campus, in sympathy with Wisconsin's stand, and finally on the Missouri campus itself as the students carried banners saying, "We Are Ashamed of Our School's Un-democratic Action." Missouri officials hastily cancelled the whole projected track meet. They had never run into anything like that before. The tremendous campaign to end Jim Crow in big league baseball, supported by players, managers and college students, has helped the fight against Jim Crow in all sports.

Appressed of the tremendous united protest action of the NYU student body, Missouri football coach Don Faurot yesterday said he had no authority to speak on it, but that NYU knew no colored players performed on Missouri's gridiron. Asked point blank what would happen if Bates were sent into the game by NYU he said: "Oh, I guess he'd play. Nothing would happen."

But Missouri official authorities maintain their original Jim Crow position. And NYU athletic officials, including Coach Stevens, still intend to pursue the appeasement policy at the expense of the fundamental democracy and sportsmanship of their own team.

The aroused NYU students and organizations in the "Bates Must Play" Committee have a quite different feeling about the matter.

## LIONS FAVORED, NYU UNDERDOG ON GRID TODAY

Georgia at Baker Field, Holy Cross at Stadium; Rams Face Pitt

By Al Stillman

All local college elevens hit the grid this Autumn afternoon but only two games within the nickel subway limit are on view for Metropolitan fans.

### COLUMBIA SLIGHT FAVORITES

Minus Ken Germann and Justin McIntyre who are being held on the sidelines by Coach Little for the Cornell scrap two weeks hence, undefeated Columbia rules slight favorites over invading Georgia at Baker Field. All this proves, or should prove, that Little hasn't conceded that Cornell game as yet. But all that's two weeks away, the immediate problem looking down to the stopping of one Frank Sinkwich and a Cracker outfit playing on the rebound after a 28-14 loss to Mississippi last week. It's Thorn Wood and Don Snively, quarterback and center respectively. Little is hoping will stop the hard hitting Georgia ace, but in any case Mr. Sinkwich will be carefully watched.

### NYU BUCKS HOLY CROSS

Len Bates, Negro fullback, makes his debut in the starting line-up against a powerful Holy Cross squad at the Yankee Stadium with the more polished Crusaders ruling the roost as unanimous favorites. NYU's revised backfield, due to injuries to no less than four fullbacks has Woody Wittekind shifted to tailback with John Barmak and Tommy Pace completing the quartet.

### FORDHAM 8 TO 5 OVER PITT

The fortunes of our other large local, Fordham, have to be followed long distance, out to Pittsburgh, where the underdog Panthers expect to make it tough for the Rams in this sixth edition of their torrid feud with the undefeated New Yorkers 8 to 5 favorites.

The Rams, sporting their most versatile attack in Coach Jimmy Crowley's eight year reign at the institutions with Len Eshmont, Steve Filipowicz and Jim Blumenstock leading the boys into the upper brackets, were further encouraged this morning with the news that Joe Rettinger, regular Panther right end, will be absent from the line-up due to a leg injury sustained in that tie the Pittsburghers played with Southern Methodist the week previously.

### CENY AT FOITSDAM

City College has another tough game this afternoon against the tiny, but sturdy, Clarkson Tech eleven. Coach Benny Friedman was highly confident, however, that his squad will pull this one out of the fire what with Stan Romero and Harold Aronson beginning to connect with those all important passes.

### BROOKLYN MEETS MORAVIAN

Brooklyn College is on the spot today when they face off against a tough Moravian squad at the latter's field.

### LIU CANCELS GAME

Long Island University announced the cancellation of their game with St. Francis scheduled for tomorrow at the Saints' field, due to a request by the school. St. Francis expressed uncertainty as to the size of the crowd expected and decided it wasn't worth the risk.

## Bob Raven Booters In Action Tom'w

The Robert Raven Soccer Team of Lodge 116, International Workers Order will play their second game of the season against the strong Peru team, this Sunday, Oct. 20, 2:30 P.M. in Van Cortlandt Park. Named after that American hero of the Spanish Loyalist Army and progressive ALP candidate for State Senate in the 13th Senatorial D., these Young Fraternalists are out to cop the Manhattan Soccer League Championship for the second consecutive season with the same fighting spirit that Raven is carrying on in the present political campaign.

This year the Ravens are managed by the able Ben Joseph and captained by Si Greenwald. The team lineup again boasts those high scoring aces Meyer Tucker, Dame Kramer and Hy Greenwald backed by a full squad of strong defensive players.

### Rasslin' Tonite

Lou Plummer and Paul Boesch, talented and popular gladiators, are paired in the finest feature bout on the weekly wrestling card tonight at the Broadway Arena.

## Vols—Bama Clash Highlights Day

For the first time since the football season began, conference competition and regional rivalry force intersectional play to take a back seat today.

Highlighting the fourth big Saturday program is a renewal of the Tennessee-Alabama feud at Birmingham, where all the 28,000 seats have been sold and there's a demand for that many more. This Dixie classic, not only will have an important bearing on the southeastern conference race, but will very likely decide one of the big bowl bids.

Competing with this encounter for attention, however, are a half dozen other such sectional struggles as Minnesota - Ohio State, Fordham-Pittsburgh, Stanford-Washington State, Washington-Oregon State, Texas A&M-Texas Christian and North Carolina - North Carolina State.

## Text of N.Y.U. Resolution

The text of the resolution adopted by the All University "Bates Must Play" Committee yesterday:

"WHEREAS: New York University has been known throughout the country for its liberal and progressive policy, and

"WHEREAS: There is overwhelming sentiment at NYU for our Negro player to participate in the game, for the cancellation of the game,

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Leonard Bates, the Negro NYU player be permitted to play in the NYU-Missouri game.

"And Further Be It Resolved: That in case the officials of the University of Missouri refuse to permit Bates to play that the game be cancelled."

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**RATES:** What's On notices for the Daily and Sunday Worker are 35¢ per line (10 words to a line—3 lines minimum). DEADLINE: Daily at 12 Noon. For Sunday, 5 P.M. Friday.

### Today

**Manhattan**  
KENTWOODS BAZAAR all day Saturday. Excellent Values. Come and get your bargains. 71 5th Avenue.

**THE NEW STAGE** of the War. Discussion by Robert Minor, member National Committee, CPUSA. First of new fall series of Saturday lectures. Aup.: Workers School, 2:30 P.M. Second floor, 50 E. 13th St. Adm. 25c.

### Tonight

**MANHATTAN MADNESS** at the Hotel Monterey, 94th & Broadway. The Midtowners' Fall Frolic with Roisin Harvey, Mimi Diamond, Woody Guthrie and other stars. Dancing till dawn. Admission 40c.

**HI-BROW-LOW-BROW** Dancing, Music, Song, Drama Program. The Swan Song-Anton Chekov. Sat. Oct. 19th, 8 P.M. 307 E. 25th St., NYC. Refreshments, Peace Fund—40c.

**"BIG WHITE FOG"** Preview. By Negro Playwrights Company. At Lincoln Theatre, 134th St. & Lenox Ave. 8:30 P.M. Tickets—\$5, \$1.10, \$1.65.

### ALFRED GOLDSTEIN

ANALYZES

**NEWS OF THE WEEK**

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**GALA SPANISH DANCE.** Featuring Mimi Lola Bravo's Spanish Dance Troupe. Jitterbugging to strains of Hawaiian band. Donation 25c. 8:30 P.M. 100 2nd Ave. (8th St.) ALP Headquarters. Aup. Tom Mooney Branch ILD.

**DANCE AND PROLOGUE** to whirling rhythm of famous bands. Refreshments, gay crowd. 8:30 P.M. 12 E. 13th St. Sub. 25c. Club "No Passaran" ILD.

**NOVEL AND EXCITING—dancing, food, fun and ping-pong.** 8:30 P.M. 521 W. 17th St. Aup. Ft. George YCL.

**GALA HALLOWEEN SHINDIG.** Chase ghosts of reaction away. Cost. 30c. 348 E. 85th St. Aup. Yorkville Youth Club.

**REAL BARN DANCE—no hay,** but plenty of square dance, reels and longways. American and European folk dances taught to everyone at the American Folk Group's Barn Dance. 8:30 P.M. Carnegie Hall, Studio 61, 154 W. 57th St. Sub. 40c and no extras.

**GREATEST EVENT THIS YEAR!** New Club Fanny's Barn Party. Outfitted, dancing. Cost. 25c. 8:30 P.M. 1338 Wilkins Ave. Aup. YCL.

### Brooklyn

**BEER, MUSIC, GAMES—dance away** those blues. Jitterbugging and old-fashioned dances. Sub. 25c. 8:30 P.M. 200 Rockaway Pkwy. Aup. Branch 8 CP.

### Tomorrow

**FRANKIE NEWTON** in PERSON. Ralph Barton commencing "Spirituals to Swing." 2:30 P.M. Creston School of Music, 183rd St. & Creston Ave., Bronx.

**SEVEN ARTS ACADEMY** "Temple of Talent," address: Bernard Vincent Grossman, director. Writers-Artists Forum. 881-1th Ave. Ent. at 56th St.

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